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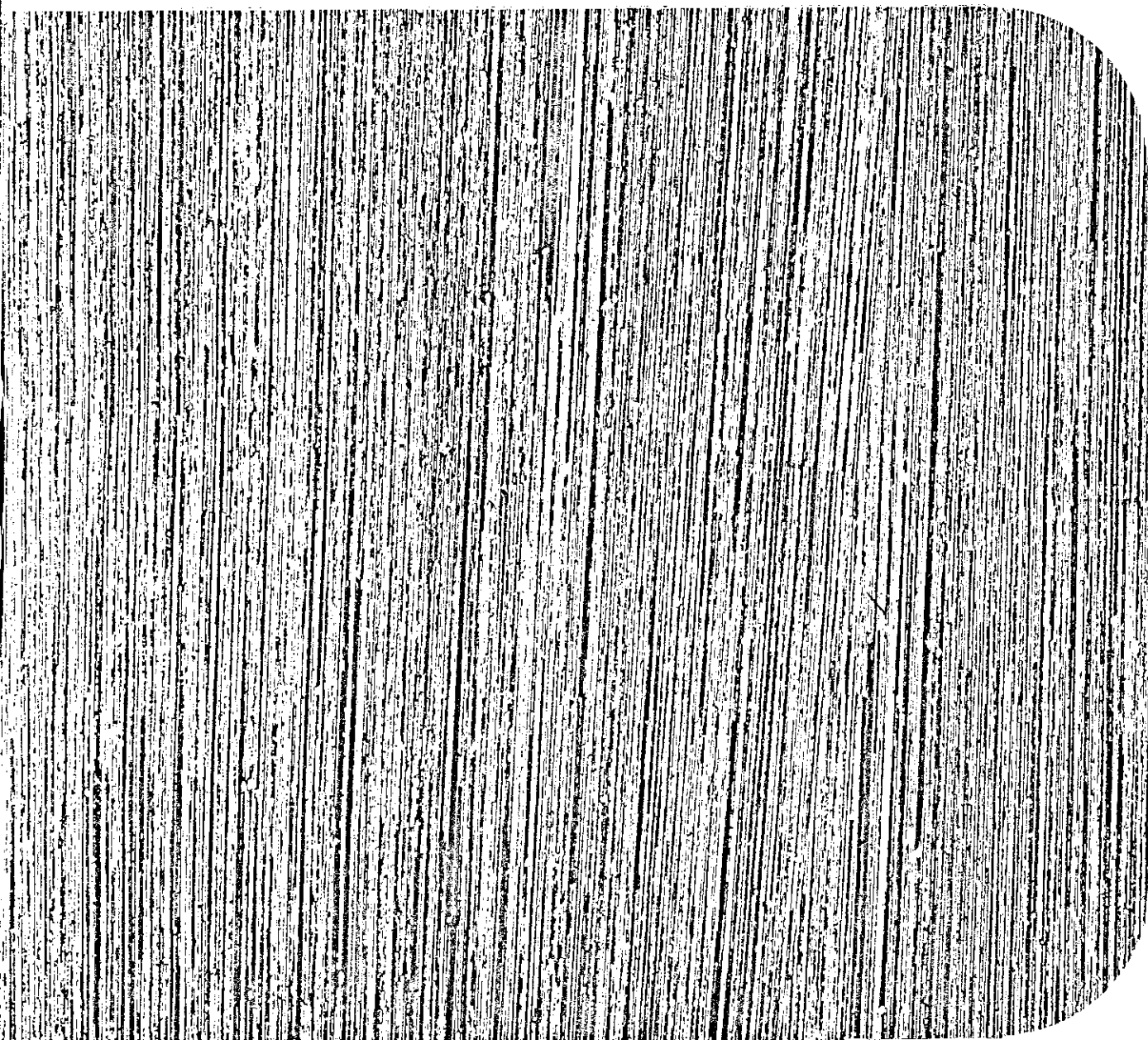
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PREFACE

This is one in a series of four publications presenting, in summary form, results of the 1975-76 Household Expenditure Survey. Preliminary results of the survey were published in July 1977 (Cat. No. 6515.0). Some of those figures are revised in this bulletin. Further results will be published over the next few months (see page 29 for details).

The first major household expenditure survey undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics was conducted in respect of the year 1974-75 and was confined to capital cities. The 1975-76 survey is similar in content but was extended to cover the whole of Australia (except remote and sparsely settled areas).

Special thanks go to the sample of households whose co-operation and high degree of response was vital to the success of the survey.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope and coverage

Statistics shown in this bulletin are based on a sample of private dwellings in Australia. Private dwellings included houses, home units, flats, caravans, and any other structures being used as private places of residence. Hotels, boarding houses, institutions, etc., were defined as special dwellings outside the scope of the survey.

2. Information was collected on a household basis (see paragraph 11), rather than for selected individuals in the population, because many items of expenditure such as food, accommodation and household goods and appliances relate to the household as a unit. The following categories of households (or persons) were excluded from the survey :

- (a) foreign diplomats and their staff;
- (b) foreign servicemen and their families stationed in Australia;
- (c) persons from overseas countries touring or holidaying in Australia;
- (d) visitors staying with the household for less than six weeks after the initial interview;
- (e) usual residents absent at the time of the initial interview and not returning within 7 days; and
- (f) usual residents who were going away during the first half of the diary-keeping period and not returning before the end of diary-keeping.

Children under 15 years of age who were away at boarding school or away for less than six weeks were included as members of a household.

3. The number of dwellings selected for the survey was approximately 9,600, and these dwellings were found to contain 8,017 households eligible for inclusion in the survey. Of these 8,017 households, 5,869 households or 73.2 per cent supplied the complete range of data. The survey results are based on the data from these 5,869 households. The remaining households include those which could not be contacted, declined to participate, or were unable to participate fully.

4. The concepts, definitions and general collection methodology of the 1974-75 survey⁽¹⁾ were retained for the 1975-76 survey with the following exceptions :

- (a) Absent heads of household : if the usual head of the household was absent at the time of the interview and was expected to return after 7 days but within 6 weeks of that date, he/she was included as a member of that household. Details of income and expenditure were collected for absent heads by the recall method only; absent heads did not keep diaries. In the 1974-75 survey any usual member of the household (including the head) absent at the time of the interview and not returning within 7 days was excluded from the household for purposes of the survey.

- (b) Income-in-kind : the income-in-kind concept was broadened to include goods obtained at reduced prices as well as goods and services obtained free from an employer. For goods obtained at reduced prices, income-in-kind was measured by the difference between the retail price of the goods and the amount paid. In the 1974-75 survey, only the value of goods and services obtained free from an employer were included as income-in-kind. In both surveys the retail price of goods and services obtained free was included as income-in-kind. In addition, households in rural areas in 1975-76 were asked to enter in the diary details of any produce taken from their own back yard or vegetable garden.

- (c) Childrens' income : a number of questions were added in order to provide details of the income of children under the age of 15 years. These questions were asked of the head of the household only, and any income reported was added to the income of the head.

- (d) The period for diary keeping in rural areas was four weeks (see paragraph 6).

Data collection method

5. Personal interviews by trained interviewers were used to collect information on expenditure items which occur infrequently (e.g. purchase of vehicles and property, and the payment of household bills such as electricity and gas) and to collect details of income. In addition, all household members aged 15 years and over were asked to record all payments made during a specified period in a diary provided to each of them. The diary-keeping period was two weeks except in rural areas where a four-week period was used.

6. Research had shown that spending patterns in rural areas differ from those in the capital cities and other urban areas, in that rural households tend to shop less frequently. In order to reflect more accurately these households' spending patterns, a four-week diary keeping period was used for respondents in rural areas instead of the two-week period used for capital city and other urban households. (In the 1974-75 survey only two-week diaries were used.) Consequently, each household was involved in the survey for either two or four weeks, although the sample of households was spread evenly over the 12-month survey period.

Definitions

7. *Expenditure* was defined as all payments for goods and services for private use, made by all members of the selected household aged 15 years and over. In general, expenditure was collected on the basis of payments made during the reference period rather than on the basis of goods and services 'acquired' or 'consumed' during the period. Expenditure was net of refunds or expected refunds (e.g. payments for health services were net of any refunds received or expected to be received). Information about most types of expenditure was obtained on a current basis from the

(1) See Household Expenditure Survey 1974-75, Bulletin 1, 'An Outline of Concepts, Methodology and Procedures' (6507.0).

diary, although some infrequent items of expenditure were collected on a 'recall' or last payment basis. The length of the recall period ranged from two years for house purchase to three months for health expenses.

8. *Income* was defined as gross weekly income from all sources (before deductions for income tax, superannuation, etc.) current at the time of the interview. Income was collected in respect of all household members. The main components of income are:

- (a) wages and salaries (including income-in-kind received from an employer);
- (b) income derived from self-employment (including wages and income-in-kind taken from the business);
- (c) government direct benefits (excluding child endowment and educational grants, see (e) below);
- (d) income from investments (including interest, dividends, royalties and rent); and
- (e) other regular income (including educational grants and scholarships received in cash, benefits received from an overseas government, income received for professional advice outside the normal job situation, superannuation, child endowment, worker's compensation, alimony or maintenance, and any other allowances regularly received).

9. Although information about most types of income was obtained on a current basis, some data, principally incomes from investment and from self-employment, were obtained in respect of the previous 12 months or financial year.

10. Household income was derived by totalling the weekly income equivalent from all sources of all household members. If this resulted in a negative value due to an income loss having been recorded, household income was taken as nil.

11. A *Household* was defined as a group of people who live together as a single unit in the sense that they have common housekeeping arrangements; that is, they have some common provision for food and other essentials of living. A person, or persons, living in the same dwelling but having separate catering arrangements, constituted a separate household.

12. The *Head of a household* was taken to be that person nominated by the member(s) of the household as the 'head'. This person was usually the male 'breadwinner'.

13. *Adults/Children.* Adults are persons aged 18 years and over. Children are persons under 18 years of age. Married persons were defined as adults irrespective of age.

14. *Employment status.* All persons aged 15 years and over were classified either as workers or as

non-employed persons (e.g. housewife, retired, unemployed, full-time student) on the basis of whether or not they reported 'earned' income.

15. *Workers* are those persons aged 15 years and over who reported any 'earned' income (i.e. income from self-employment or from part-time or full-time wage and salary employment). In general, persons who were asked to report 'earned' income were those who worked in a job or business, or received income from a job or business, at any time during the four weeks prior to the week of interview.

16. *Employees* are those workers who are wage and salary earners in their main job.

17. *Self-employed persons* are those workers whose main source of 'earned' income is their own business or partnership.

18. *Retired persons* are those persons who reported no 'earned' income and who described themselves as being retired (e.g. having retired from work for reasons of age or sickness).

19. *Occupation* was coded for all persons aged 15 years and over who were wage and salary earners in their main job i.e. employees, using a classification based on the Classification and Classified List of Occupations (CCLO) used during the 1971 Census of Population and Housing.

20. *Capital cities* were defined as the six State capital city Statistical Divisions, the Darwin Statistical District and the Canberra Statistical District (excluding Queanbeyan) as delimited for purposes of the 1971 Census of Population and Housing.

21. *Other urban areas* were defined as all towns and urban centres with a population of more than 500 persons (excluding the capital cities) as delimited for purposes of the 1971 Census of Population and Housing.

22. *Rural areas* were defined as all localities with a population of less than 500 persons and rural areas (remote areas with less than 0.15 dwellings per square mile were excluded from the survey).

Reliability of the estimates

23. The estimates provided in this bulletin are subject to two types of error.

24. The first type of error is usually referred to as *sampling error*. This is the difference which would be expected between the estimates and the corresponding figures that would have been obtained from a collection based on the whole population, using the same questionnaires and procedures. One measure of the sampling error for a given estimate is provided by the *standard error percent* of the estimate. Appendix 1 contains a more comprehensive discussion of sampling errors as well as giving details of the standard error percents for selected estimates in this bulletin. In addition, some estimates in the main body of this bulletin have been highlighted with an asterisk to indicate they are subject to large sampling error, and hence caution should be exercised in their use.

25. The second type of error can occur whether the estimates are derived from a sample or from a complete collection, and is usually referred to as *non-sampling error*. Three major sources of non-sampling error are:

- (a) errors due to refusal by some households to be included in the collection. These *non-response errors* arise because of differences which may have existed between the characteristics and patterns of expenditure and income between respondent and non-respondent households.
- (b) errors in reporting on the part of both respondents and interviewers. These *reporting errors* may arise through faulty wording of questions, misunderstanding of what data is required, inability or unwillingness to provide accurate information and mistakes in answers to questions.
- (c) errors arising during processing of the survey data. These *processing errors* may arise through mistakes in coding and data recording as well as errors arising from incorrect classifications of individual payments to some of the more detailed expenditure categories.

26. Non-sampling errors are difficult to measure in any collection. However, every effort was made to minimise their effects in the Household Expenditure Survey. In particular the effect of the response and processing errors described above were minimised by careful questionnaire design, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, asking respondents to refer to records whenever possible and extensive editing and quality control checking at all stages of data processing. The error due to non-response was minimised by call-backs to all initial non-respondent households in order to increase the final response rate, and by adjustment to the weights (the factors used to expand the sample data to obtain population estimates) allocated to the respondent households in order to allow for non-respondent households with similar characteristics.

27. Estimates of the change in expenditure on a particular item between 1974-75 and 1975-76 are also subject to the same errors as discussed above. Appendix 1 gives details of a method which can be used to derive standard error percents for these estimates, as well as standard error percents on the sum, difference or ratio of two published estimates.

28. Comparing the estimates of expenditure in this bulletin with estimates based on other statistics such as production and sales data, it seems that expenditure on certain items, particularly alcohol and tobacco, is understated. This would be in line with experience in other countries which have carried out similar surveys. However, it is not possible to make precise comparisons because of differences in scope between this survey and other statistical data.

29. Because of the extended collection period of the survey, changes in money values and changes in the relative prices of goods and services have some implications for the interpretation of the results. The time reference periods of data items differed, first, because households were approached at different points of time during the 12 months duration of the survey and, secondly, because data items were obtained in respect of varying time reference periods (e.g. medical expenses in respect of the previous 3 months, purchase of motor vehicles in the previous 12 months). These factors may have caused some data distortion and complicate the interpretation of results for certain purposes. For example, two households with similar characteristics, one selected towards the beginning of the survey period and the other towards the end, may have been classified into different income groups solely because of changes in wage levels between the two collection dates. In a sense, therefore, all classifications and data items are based on average prices or incomes prevailing over the period to which the collected data related.

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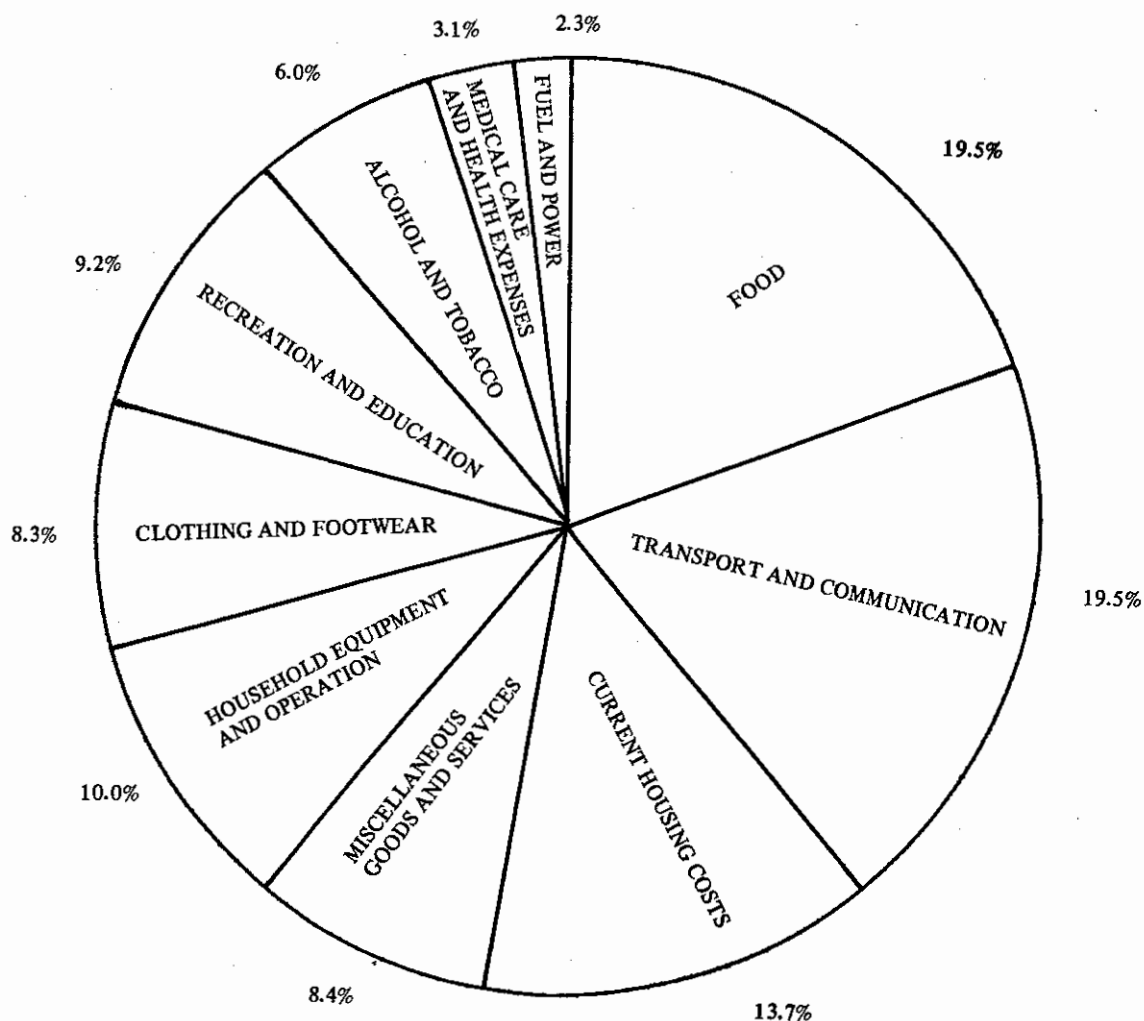
30. In this section reference is made to some of the more readily observed relationships shown by these survey results, and to some of the factors which should be taken into account when interpreting the estimates. Many of the relationships are, of course, much as would be expected. What the survey does, however, is to quantify them in a way that has not been possible previously. Users will be able to extract more information for various purposes from the tables themselves. Additional analysis will be possible from the range of tables that will appear in the publications which are to follow. These are listed in page 29.

Distribution of expenditure

31. The chart below shows the percentage breakdown of total household expenditure according to 10 broad commodity groups. The percentages varied from 2.3 per cent for fuel and power to 19.5 per cent for food and for transport and communication.

32. Of the total expenditure, 43.8 per cent was devoted to what might be termed the 'shelter, food and clothing' category. The contributing items were current housing costs (13.7 per cent), fuel and power (2.3 per cent), food (19.5 per cent) and clothing and footwear (8.3 per cent).

HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE 1975-76
DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN BROAD GROUPS OF EXPENDITURE



Comparison of average household income and expenditure

33. It can be seen from Table 1.1 that average expenditure exceeded average income in the lower income ranges while in the higher income ranges average income substantially exceeded average expenditure. For the medium and higher income ranges, income tax payments are a large part of the difference between income and expenditure as defined. Attention is therefore drawn to the estimates of 'selected other payments' shown in the tables.

34. If 'selected other payments' are added to 'total expenditure' there is a closer correspondence overall between income and outlay, as shown in the table below. Besides income taxes, the main items included in 'selected other payments' are life insurance premiums, superannuation contributions, and outright purchases of, or deposits on, dwellings and land (receipts from sales of dwellings and land are offset against payments). Some of these are conventional forms of personal savings while others involve the purchase of assets.

**AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE AS A PERCENTAGE OF
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 1975-76**
(per cent)

	<i>Average weekly household income</i>						<i>All households</i>
	<i>Under \$80</i>	<i>\$80 and under \$140</i>	<i>\$140 and under \$200</i>	<i>\$200 and under \$260</i>	<i>\$260 and under \$340</i>	<i>\$340 or more</i>	
'Expenditure' as a percentage of 'income'	136.8	102.6	86.9	79.9	73.9	61.4	76.5
'Expenditure' plus 'selected other payments' as a percentage of 'income'	147.4	121.7	106.5	98.8	97.2	85.7	98.1

35. Some households will have financed the purchase of some items in 'expenditure' and 'selected other payments' from savings and from other sources such as loans, receipt of maturing insurance policies, gifts, windfall gains, and profits from the sale of assets, which are not included in income as defined for the survey.

36. There is a further complexity in attempting to compare average income and expenditure, in that it was not possible to collect all the information in respect of a common period of time. For example, although most of the income information was obtained on a current basis,

income from investment and self-employment related to the previous twelve months or financial year.

Expenditure by income groups

37. The table below shows for each income range, expenditure on each commodity group as a percentage of total expenditure. It shows that fuel and power and food expenditure became a less significant part of total household expenditure as household income increased. The most notable change occurred in the food group which was 26 per cent of total expenditure for households with income under \$80 and 17 per cent of total expenditure for households with income of \$340 or more.

**EXPENDITURE ON COMMODITY GROUPS AS A PERCENTAGE OF
TOTAL EXPENDITURE, BY WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 1975-76**
(per cent)

<i>Commodity group</i>	<i>Average weekly household income</i>						<i>All households</i>
	<i>Under \$80</i>	<i>\$80 and under \$140</i>	<i>\$140 and under \$200</i>	<i>\$200 and under \$260</i>	<i>\$260 and under \$340</i>	<i>\$340 or more</i>	
Current housing costs	13.8	16.9	15.0	13.8	13.5	12.1	13.7
Fuel and power	4.0	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.7	2.3
Food	25.8	22.3	21.5	19.4	18.2	17.1	19.5
Alcohol and tobacco	4.6	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.9
Clothing and footwear	7.8	7.6	7.9	8.3	8.4	8.8	8.3
Household equipment and operation	11.3	7.7	8.6	10.0	11.7	10.1	10.0
Medical care and health expenses	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.7	3.1
Transport and communication	13.7	18.2	19.7	18.8	20.6	20.7	19.5
Recreation and education	7.1	7.0	7.5	10.0	8.7	11.1	9.2
Miscellaneous goods and services	8.6	7.6	7.1	8.1	8.0	9.8	8.4

38. In interpreting these relationships it should be borne in mind that the increase in household income was associated, amongst other things, with an increase in the number of persons working per household, from an average of 0.24 workers in the under \$80 income group to an average of 2.31 in the \$340 or more income group. The average number of persons per household showed a corresponding increase from 1.76 to 3.82.

Comparison between capital cities, other urban and rural areas

39. For all households resident in the six State capital cities, Darwin and Canberra, both average weekly household expenditure and average weekly household income were markedly higher than for households in other urban and rural areas. The average weekly expenditure for households in the capital cities was \$184.14 compared to \$155.57 and \$135.90 for other urban and rural households respectively. Average weekly household income in the capital cities was \$239.28 compared to \$201.48 for other urban households and \$194.63 for rural households.

Comparison between States and Territories

40. For all households average weekly household expenditure in Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania were below the Australian average. In New South Wales expenditure was slightly higher than this average, while in the Northern Territory¹ and the Australian Capital Territory the level of expenditure was markedly higher. Average weekly household income also showed a wide variation between States and Territories ranging from \$210.11 in Tasmania to \$336.51 in the Northern Territory.¹ The average weekly income of households in the Australian Capital Territory was the second highest at \$315.52.

41. Differences in income and expenditure patterns between States and Territories reflect a variety of factors: average number of persons per household, average number of persons in the household working, average number of retired persons, age distribution, and distribution of employees between occupations and industries, etc.

Quarterly variation

42. Table 1.7 shows that the level of household expenditure was greatest during the December quarter. This was due in the main to higher expenditure in this quarter in the alcohol and tobacco, household equipment and operation, and recreation and education groups, compared with other quarters.

43. The quarterly estimates reflect not only real differences between quarters, but also sampling variability. When interpreting the quarterly patterns of expenditure, account should be taken of changes in the money value of expenditure and income associated with increasing prices. In addition it should be remembered that expenditure information was collected on the basis of payments made, and that this could affect any apparent seasonal patterns. For items such as fuel and power, where the information was generally collected on the basis of the last payment made, some payments would be related to goods and services 'acquired' or

'consumed' during a previous quarter. Similarly, because some items of expenditure were obtained in respect of varying time reference periods (e.g. holiday expenditure during the previous 3 months) payments made in a previous quarter may have been reported during a subsequent quarter.

Household composition

44. Tables 1.8 and 1.9 show that average household income and expenditure were lower for households without children (\$196.38 and \$143.57 respectively) than for households with children (\$202.44 and \$202.24 respectively). The higher income for households with children is explained in part by the larger number of persons working (average 1.60 workers per household) compared with households without children (average of 1.09 workers per household). A point here is that there was on average a larger number of retired persons in households without children than in households with children (0.23 and 0.02 persons per household respectively), and this was reflected in differences in the average age of the household head (53.24 years for households without children, 38.08 years for households with children).

45. Household expenditure was higher on all commodity groups for households with children compared with households without children, noticeably so in the food group (\$41.70 compared with \$25.87). However, on a per capita basis, expenditure was lower on all commodity groups for households with children.

Age of head of household

46. Table 1.12 indicates that where the head of the household was aged 30 years and under 45 years, total expenditure and income (\$203.99 and \$256.69 respectively) were higher than for each of the other age groups shown. This age group had the largest average number of persons (4.15 per household) over half of which were children (2.16 per household). The other age groups shown had, on average, fewer persons per household and also a much lower ratio of children to persons.

47. Current housing costs decreased as the average age of the head of the household increased, from \$34.06 for households where the head was aged less than 30 years to \$10.51 for households where the head was aged 65 years and over.

48. For that group of households where the head was aged between 15 and 30 years, the estimates show that 42.9 per cent either owned or were in the process of purchasing their own dwelling. This compared with 72.2 per cent for households where the head was aged 30 years and under 45 years, 79.6 per cent for households where the head was aged 45 years and under 65 years and 80.3 per cent for households where the head was aged 65 years and over. Almost three out of four households in this last group owned their dwelling outright.

49. In households where the head was aged 65 years and over, on average, one person in three was retired. Compared with the average for all households

1 In the Northern Territory only households in Darwin and urban areas were included in the sample.

this group of households had fewer persons per household (1.74 compared with 3.09), lower average weekly household income (\$115.64 compared with \$225.35) and lower total expenditure (\$88.58 compared with \$172.35).

Comparison by nature of housing occupancy

50. It can be seen from Table 1.13 that the average weekly expenditure and average weekly income of those households which were in the process of purchasing their dwelling (\$211.85 and \$275.54 respectively) were higher than for each of the other occupancy groups shown. This group had the largest average number of persons (3.68 per household) and the largest average number of persons working (1.64 per household).

51. The level of expenditure was lowest for those households which owned their dwelling outright; \$139.12 per week compared with an average \$172.35

per week for all households. Most of this difference was accounted for by the lower expenditure of these households on current housing costs (\$9.61 per week) compared to the average of all households (\$23.65 per week).

Sources of income

52. Table 1.14 shows that about 76 per cent of the average weekly income of Australian households was derived from wages and salaries. A further 11 per cent was derived from self-employment while non-earned income (i.e. government benefits, interest, rent, dividends, etc., and other regular income) accounted for 13 per cent of total household income.

53. In those households which received less than \$80 per week, however, government benefits accounted for almost three-quarters of the total income received.

COMPARISON OF ESTIMATES FOR 1974-75 AND 1975-76, CAPITAL CITIES EXCLUDING DARWIN

54. In this section the results of the 1974-75 and 1975-76 Household Expenditure surveys are compared. Because the 1974-75 survey was restricted to the six State capital cities and Canberra, the estimates are only directly comparable for these capital cities.

55. When interpreting changes in patterns of household expenditure and income between the two surveys it should be remembered that changes in price levels will have occurred over the period. No attempt has been made to adjust for such changes in the comparison made below.

56. It should also be borne in mind that estimates of the change in expenditure and income between 1974-75 and 1975-76 are subject to the sampling and non-sampling errors referred to in the section, 'Reliability of the estimates' (see page viii). Since the standard error on the difference between the two survey estimates will be greater than the standard error on the estimates for either survey, particular care should be taken in interpreting such differences. See also Appendix

1 for method of calculating standard errors of derived estimates.

57. The table below shows for the capital cities other than Darwin estimates of household income and expenditure, and the percentage breakdown of total household expenditure according to 10 broad commodity groups for 1974-75 and 1975-76, together with the percentage variations in the levels of expenditure and income between the two surveys. Standard error percents are also shown. As can be seen from this table, average weekly household expenditure and average weekly household income rose by 17.1 and 16.1 per cent respectively from 1974-75 to 1975-76. The greatest percentage increases in expenditure during this period were in the transport and communication (32.3 per cent) and the clothing and footwear groups (27.2 per cent). There was a decrease in the level of household expenditure on medical care and health expenses from 1974-75 to 1975-76. This reflects the effect of the introduction of Medibank and associated changes in payments for health services.

COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS OF THE 1974-75 AND 1975-76
HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEYS, CAPITAL CITIES EXCLUDING DARWIN

Commodity group	Average weekly household expenditure		Percentage of total household expenditure		Percentage variation between 1974-75 and 1975-76	Standard error per cent on percentage variation
	1974-75	1975-76	1974-75	1975-76		
	(\$)	(\$)	(Per cent)	(Per cent)	(Per cent)	(Per cent)
Current housing costs	22.71	26.92	14.5	14.6	+18.5	22
Fuel and power	3.54	4.10	2.3	2.2	+15.8	16
Food	32.38	35.12	20.6	19.1	+ 8.5	22
Alcohol and tobacco	9.25	10.79	5.9	5.9	+16.6	23
Clothing and footwear	13.91	15.75	8.9	8.5	+13.2	36
Household equipment and operation	14.65	18.63	9.3	10.1	+27.2	35
Medical care and health expenses	5.84	5.38	3.7	2.9	- 7.9	44
Transport and communication	26.26	34.73	16.7	18.9	+32.3	15
Recreation and education	13.80	16.84	8.8	9.2	+22.0	34
Miscellaneous goods and services	14.62	15.63	9.3	8.5	+ 6.9	81
Total Expenditure	157.00	183.91	100.0	100.0	+17.1	14
Average weekly household income	205.92	238.99			+16.1	13

58. The following table shows the average weekly household expenditure and income in each of the seven

capital cities in the two years, and the percentage changes which occurred between them.

**COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS OF THE 1974-75 AND 1975-76
HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEYS, BY CAPITAL CITY**

	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Average weekly household expenditure (\$) :							
1974-75	160.68	161.83	142.68	146.27	149.71	145.38	197.64
1975-76	186.85	189.66	169.69	177.18	171.10	180.84	228.13
Change in average weekly household expenditure between 1974-75 and 1975-76 (per cent)	+16.3	+17.2	+18.9	+21.1	+14.3	+24.4	+15.4
Standard error per cent on percentage variation	26	23	28	26	36	28	35
Average weekly household income (\$) :							
1974-75	208.12	212.22	197.91	189.24	192.76	187.29	277.37
1975-76	241.47	241.97	231.23	225.05	229.32	239.47	315.00
Change in average weekly household income between 1974-75 and 1975-76 (per cent)	+16.0	+14.0	+16.8	+18.9	+19.0	+27.9	+13.6
Standard error per cent on percentage variation	24	26	30	29	28	27	38

Related Publications

59. Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users of this bulletin include :

Household Expenditure Survey, 1975-76, Preliminary Release (6515.0)

Household Expenditure Survey, 1974-75, Bulletins 1-8 (6507.0-6514.0)

Income Distribution, 1973-74 : Part 2 (6503.0)

Australian National Accounts - National Income and Expenditure, 1974-75 (5204.0)

Consumer Price Index (6401.0)

Average Retail Prices of Selected Food and Grocery Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6403.0)

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TABLE 1.1 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	Weekly Household Income						
	Under \$80	\$80 and under \$140	\$140 and under \$200	\$200 and under \$260	\$260 and under \$340	\$340 or more	All households
Number of households in sample (B)	927	818	1,148	942	966	1,068	5,869
Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)							
Households	651.5	599.4	810.9	673.8	686.2	737.7	4,159.5
Persons (C)	1,147.8	1,587.5	2,621.3	2,284.6	2,385.7	2,816.3	12,843.3
Persons 18 years and over	932.0	1,035.8	1,579.2	1,378.4	1,529.0	1,916.2	8,370.5
Average Number of Persons per Household							
All persons	1.76	2.65	3.23	3.39	3.48	3.82	3.09
Males	0.70	1.24	1.65	1.69	1.79	2.02	1.54
Females	1.06	1.41	1.59	1.70	1.68	1.80	1.55
Under 2 years	0.05	0.13	0.20	0.16	0.10	0.06	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.09	0.19	0.28	0.28	0.19	0.12	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.19	0.60	0.81	0.90	0.96	1.04	0.76
18 and under 65 years	0.73	1.32	1.81	1.93	2.15	2.49	1.77
65 years and over	0.70	0.41	0.14	0.12	0.08	0.11	0.25
Persons working (D)	0.24	0.78	1.16	1.47	1.89	2.31	1.34
Retired persons (E)	0.37	0.22	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.13
Average age of household head (F) (years)	61.69	49.72	41.45	40.92	40.33	42.93	45.80
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	50.80	111.33	169.51	229.27	295.05	465.15	225.35
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)							
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	9.62	19.35	22.12	25.23	29.41	34.42	23.65
7- 9 Fuel and power	2.80	3.30	4.24	4.26	4.29	4.96	4.02
10-44 Food	17.96	25.48	31.67	35.72	39.67	48.76	33.64
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	2.46	3.26	3.99	4.04	4.20	4.81	3.83
14-19 Meat and fish	4.71	6.53	7.69	8.55	9.01	11.30	8.06
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	3.26	4.42	5.32	5.45	5.65	6.32	5.12
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	2.94	4.00	4.52	5.30	5.42	6.51	4.82
35-43 Miscellaneous food	3.03	4.44	5.67	6.40	6.57	7.66	5.70
44 Meals out and take-away foods	1.55	2.82	4.48	5.99	8.82	12.17	6.10
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	3.19	6.95	9.28	10.61	13.38	16.93	10.24
50-55 Clothing and footwear	5.40	8.65	11.63	15.31	18.40	25.24	14.35
56-63 Household equipment and operation	7.83	8.84	12.68	18.33	25.58	28.85	17.28
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	2.27	4.22	5.11	6.15	5.82	7.80	5.30
68-75 Transport and communication	9.53	20.78	29.06	34.48	44.95	59.04	33.62
76-81 Recreation and education	4.91	8.05	11.01	18.37	18.92	31.63	15.78
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	5.98	8.64	10.44	14.92	17.50	27.89	14.47
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	69.49	114.28	147.24	183.39	217.92	285.53	172.35
Selected other payments							
87 Income tax	2.41	9.29	18.85	28.29	38.82	74.74	29.63
88-90 Other	2.97	11.89	14.49	14.92	30.04	38.36	19.18
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Estimated Number of Households ('000)							
Rented (including rent free)	201.8	226.2	276.9	186.6	215.4	142.1	1,249.0
In process of purchase	52.7	141.1	306.7	306.7	326.1	398.7	1,532.0
Owned outright	397.0	232.1	227.3	180.5	144.8	196.8	1,378.5
Total	651.5	599.4	810.9	673.8	686.2	737.7	4,159.5

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TABLE 1.2 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, ALL CAPITAL CITIES (a)

Item No. (A)	Weekly Household Income						All capital city households
	Under \$80	\$80 and under \$140	\$140 and under \$200	\$200 and under \$260	\$260 and under \$340	\$340 or more	
Number of households in sample (B)	313	333	510	463	535	659	2,813
Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)							
Households	342.9	353.6	505.7	450.7	484.5	555.4	2,692.8
Persons (C)	577.6	872.7	1,583.5	1,502.8	1,626.2	2,094.9	8,257.8
Persons 18 years and over	464.3	586.7	960.3	915.1	1,074.3	1,455.8	5,456.5
Average Number of Persons per Household							
All persons	1.68	2.47	3.13	3.33	3.36	3.77	3.07
Males	0.63	1.16	1.61	1.64	1.70	1.97	1.52
Females	1.05	1.30	1.52	1.69	1.66	1.80	1.54
Under 2 years	0.04	0.14	0.19	0.16	0.10	0.05	0.11
2 and under 5 years	0.10	0.18	0.27	0.27	0.17	0.11	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.19	0.49	0.77	0.88	0.87	0.99	0.74
18 and under 65 years	0.61	1.21	1.78	1.91	2.13	2.52	1.79
65 years and over	0.74	0.45	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.10	0.23
Persons working (D)	0.19	0.72	1.13	1.45	1.87	2.33	1.39
Retired persons (E)	0.36	0.25	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.12
Average age of household head (F) (years)	62.38	50.37	41.15	41.00	40.48	42.72	45.24
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	51.99	111.31	169.65	229.98	294.73	458.95	239.28
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)							
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	11.19	21.45	25.03	27.60	31.65	37.32	26.95
7- 9 Fuel and power	2.57	3.21	4.41	4.28	4.14	5.15	4.10
10-44 Food	17.00	25.10	32.03	36.49	39.99	50.31	35.16
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	2.39	3.17	3.98	4.04	4.14	4.85	3.89
14-19 Meat and fish	4.45	6.37	7.78	8.79	9.18	11.51	8.36
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	2.99	4.13	5.35	5.53	5.62	6.34	5.17
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	2.83	4.07	4.64	5.51	5.50	6.63	5.05
35-43 Miscellaneous food	2.73	4.19	5.43	6.33	6.48	7.59	5.71
44 Meals out and take-away foods	1.61	3.16	4.85	6.30	9.07	13.39	6.98
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	2.95	7.24	9.44	10.53	13.70	16.99	10.83
50-55 Clothing and footwear	5.75	9.03	12.07	15.90	19.55	26.08	15.74
56-63 Household equipment and operation	7.64	8.67	12.19	19.44	26.48	30.23	18.65
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	1.84	4.35	4.96	6.28	5.59	7.69	5.38
68-75 Transport and communication	7.73	19.62	27.70	34.15	44.83	59.43	34.80
76-81 Recreation and education	3.48	6.64	10.29	20.13	19.14	32.95	16.86
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	6.11	9.33	10.09	15.30	18.03	28.88	15.66
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	66.27	114.64	148.21	190.11	223.12	295.02	184.14
Selected other payments							
87 Income tax	2.74	10.42	19.27	28.98	39.50	71.80	32.11
88-90 Other	2.27	18.35	12.21	14.66	32.20	40.85	21.67
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Estimated Number of Households ('000)							
Rented (including rent free)	115.7	145.0	179.9	117.1	154.5	98.0	810.2
In process of purchase	35.8	88.9	210.7	224.7	248.7	326.7	1,135.6
Owned outright	191.4	119.7	115.1	108.8	81.3	130.7	747.0
Total	342.9	353.6	505.7	450.7	484.5	555.4	2,692.8

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TABLE 1.3 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, OTHER URBAN AREAS (b)

Item No. (A)	Weekly Household Income						All other urban households
	Under \$80	\$80 and under \$140	\$140 and under \$200	\$200 and under \$260	\$260 and under \$340	\$340 or more	
Number of households in sample (B)	427	330	480	356	338	294	2,225
Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)							
Households	220.5	176.0	237.7	173.7	162.0	135.2	1,105.2
Persons (C)	358.4	485.9	790.1	610.7	605.1	523.4	3,373.6
Persons 18 years and over	315.8	311.2	472.7	358.3	364.2	344.8	2,167.2
Average Number of Persons per Household							
All persons	1.63	2.76	3.32	3.52	3.73	3.87	3.05
Males	0.62	1.23	1.64	1.78	2.02	2.11	1.51
Females	1.01	1.53	1.69	1.73	1.72	1.76	1.55
Under 2 years	0.04	0.12	0.23	0.16	0.09	0.09	0.13
2 and under 5 years	0.05	0.18	0.30	0.34	0.23	0.12	0.20
5 and under 18 years	0.11	0.68	0.81	0.95	1.17	1.11	0.76
18 and under 65 years	0.68	1.39	1.83	1.97	2.20	2.45	1.68
65 years and over	0.75	0.38	0.16	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.28
Persons working (D)	0.14	0.76	1.15	1.46	1.96	2.27	1.19
Retired persons (E)	0.40	0.21	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.15
Average age of household head (F) (years)	63.43	49.25	41.43	39.95	39.22	42.54	46.65
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	52.08	111.38	170.02	227.44	296.30	470.84	201.48
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)							
1-- 6 Current housing costs (H)	9.21	19.31	18.82	22.30	26.08	29.90	19.95
7-- 9 Fuel and power	2.94	3.53	4.09	4.39	4.80	4.40	3.96
10-44 Food	17.12	25.51	31.09	34.44	40.10	45.53	31.03
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	2.35	3.36	4.00	4.12	4.33	4.71	3.72
14-19 Meat and fish	4.72	6.66	7.48	8.10	8.78	10.98	7.52
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	2.94	4.40	5.01	5.25	5.74	6.09	4.78
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	2.62	3.71	4.33	4.97	5.10	6.09	4.32
35-43 Miscellaneous food	3.19	4.84	6.05	6.59	7.08	8.18	5.78
44 Meals out and take-away foods	1.28	2.53	4.22	5.42	9.07	9.49	4.91
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	3.55	7.23	9.62	10.95	13.68	18.67	9.94
50-55 Clothing and footwear	4.83	8.36	11.32	14.81	15.99	23.67	12.30
56-63 Household equipment and operation	8.78	9.45	13.46	15.11	25.02	21.92	14.88
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	2.28	3.46	5.30	6.05	6.33	8.60	5.08
68-75 Transport and communication	8.96	21.25	32.19	35.45	44.57	60.85	31.65
76-81 Recreation and education	6.01	11.12	12.65	15.31	19.10	27.02	14.20
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	6.50	7.95	10.94	14.55	16.87	23.85	12.59
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	70.19	117.16	149.48	173.36	212.56	264.41	155.57
Selected other payments							
87 Income tax	2.23	8.55	19.40	27.42	37.01	86.19	26.26
88-90 Other	*3.95	*4.38	*19.14	*13.46	*26.14	*31.76	15.44
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Estimated Number of Households ('000)							
Rented (including rent free)	63.9	57.8	73.9	52.9	52.6	34.3	335.4
In process of purchase	9.6	40.9	82.7	70.9	66.7	63.7	334.5
Owned outright	147.0	77.4	81.1	49.8	42.7	37.1	435.3
Total	220.5	176.0	237.7	173.7	162.0	135.2	1,105.2

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TABLE 1.4 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, RURAL AREAS (c)

Item No. (A)	Weekly Household Income						All rural households
	Under \$80	\$80 and under \$140	\$140 and under \$200	\$200 and under \$260	\$260 and under \$340	\$340 or more	
Number of households in sample (B)	187	155	158	123	93	115	831
Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)							
Households	88.1	69.8	67.4	49.4	39.6	47.2	361.6
Persons (C)	211.8	228.9	247.7	171.1	154.4	198.0	1,211.9
Persons 18 years and over	151.9	137.8	146.2	105.0	90.4	115.5	746.9
Average Number of Persons per Household							
All persons	2.40	3.28	3.67	3.46	3.90	4.20	3.35
Males	1.18	1.65	1.92	1.84	2.06	2.28	1.74
Females	1.22	1.63	1.75	1.62	1.84	1.92	1.61
Under 2 years	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.07	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.16	0.23	0.30	0.21	0.31	0.20	0.23
5 and under 18 years	0.43	0.95	1.05	0.97	1.15	1.48	0.93
18 and under 65 years	1.29	1.71	1.98	1.97	2.17	2.24	1.81
65 years and over	*0.43	*0.27	*0.18	*0.15	*0.12	*0.21	0.25
Persons working (D)	0.71	1.14	1.50	1.62	1.90	2.23	1.39
Retired persons (E)	*0.29	*0.14	*0.04	*0.06	*0.03	*0.06	0.12
Average age of household head (F) (years)	54.65	47.66	43.72	43.54	42.99	46.48	47.40
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	42.98	111.28	166.65	229.13	293.91	521.91	194.63
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)							
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	4.55	8.81	11.91	13.92	15.60	13.35	10.38
7- 9 Fuel and power	3.34	3.23	3.51	3.62	3.98	4.36	3.59
10-44 Food	23.80	27.39	30.99	33.23	33.91	39.75	30.31
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	2.96	3.49	4.03	3.73	4.33	4.54	3.72
14-19 Meat and fish	5.73	7.06	7.81	8.02	7.87	9.76	7.45
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	5.15	5.93	6.17	5.50	5.70	6.68	5.80
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	4.14	4.40	4.30	4.53	5.75	6.25	4.73
35-43 Miscellaneous food	3.83	4.71	6.08	6.33	5.59	7.01	5.37
44 Meals out and take-away foods	2.00	1.80	2.60	5.11	4.67	5.50	3.25
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	3.28	4.81	6.88	10.17	8.14	11.28	6.76
50-55 Clothing and footwear	5.50	7.48	9.44	11.66	14.12	19.91	10.28
56-63 Household equipment and operation	6.18	8.14	13.64	19.51	16.90	32.47	14.38
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	3.87	5.49	5.60	5.28	6.44	6.85	5.37
68-75 Transport and communication	17.92	25.48	28.23	34.07	48.07	49.25	30.90
76-81 Recreation and education	7.67	7.47	10.58	13.15	15.53	29.29	12.61
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	4.18	6.89	11.29	12.76	13.57	27.88	11.32
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	80.28	105.18	132.09	157.37	176.25	234.38	135.90
Selected other payments							
87 Income tax	1.58	5.39	13.74	25.03	37.82	76.56	21.54
88-90 Other	*3.24	*-1.86	*15.21	*22.32	*19.44	*27.93	12.09
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Estimated Number of Households ('000)							
Rented (including rent free)	22.2	23.4	23.2	16.5	8.3	9.8	103.4
In process of purchase	7.3	11.3	13.2	11.1	10.6	8.4	61.9
Owned outright	58.6	35.1	31.1	21.8	20.7	29.0	196.3
Total	88.1	69.8	67.4	49.4	39.6	47.2	361.6

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TABLE 1.5 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY STATES AND TERRITORIES

Item No. (A)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. †	A.C.T. (d)	All households
Number of households in sample (B)	1,583	1,327	846	550	506	422	324	311	5,869
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>									
Households	1,471.2	1,163.0	607.2	374.6	355.4	121.8	12.7	53.7	4,159.5
Persons (C)	4,568.2	3,605.9	1,873.2	1,071.0	1,109.8	394.3	41.3	179.6	12,843.3
Persons 18 years and over	2,973.1	2,352.8	1,209.5	738.3	718.2	245.4	25.4	107.8	8,370.5
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>									
All persons	3.11	3.10	3.09	2.86	3.12	3.24	3.25	3.34	3.09
Males	1.55	1.53	1.53	1.42	1.58	1.62	1.74	1.66	1.54
Females	1.55	1.57	1.56	1.43	1.55	1.62	1.50	1.68	1.55
Under 2 years	0.12	0.11	0.14	0.08	0.13	0.11	0.17	0.14	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.17	0.22	0.20	0.26	0.32	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.76	0.79	0.76	0.64	0.76	0.91	0.82	0.87	0.76
18 and under 65 years	1.79	1.76	1.71	1.73	1.80	1.78	1.96	1.95	1.77
65 years and over	0.23	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.03	0.06	0.25
Persons working (D)	1.33	1.33	1.32	1.34	1.38	1.27	1.66	1.58	1.34
Retired persons (E)	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.15	0.01	0.04	0.13
Average age of household head (F) (years)	46.20	45.95	46.61	45.82	43.79	45.68	36.82	38.06	45.80
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	220.78	232.10	220.39	217.27	226.85	210.11	336.51	315.52	225.35
<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>									
COMMODITY OR SERVICE									
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	24.98	24.18	20.91	19.80	25.12	18.34	30.43	34.26	23.65
7- 9 Fuel and power	3.87	4.75	3.40	3.43	3.58	4.42	3.35	5.64	4.02
10-44 Food	34.05	35.07	31.56	31.93	32.24	31.35	45.08	38.34	33.64
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	4.05	3.91	3.53	3.62	3.44	3.77	3.75	3.90	3.83
14-19 Meat and fish	7.92	8.64	8.08	7.20	7.44	7.88	9.74	8.91	8.06
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	5.18	5.27	5.04	4.53	5.10	5.02	5.87	5.52	5.12
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	4.94	4.92	4.82	4.22	4.67	4.18	8.24	5.66	4.82
35-43 Miscellaneous food	5.50	5.99	5.41	5.88	5.91	5.17	8.07	6.10	5.70
44 Meals out and take-away foods	6.46	6.35	4.69	6.49	5.68	5.33	9.42	8.25	6.10
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	10.72	10.75	8.57	9.16	10.47	9.03	20.26	11.56	10.24
50-55 Clothing and footwear	14.14	16.56	11.17	14.23	12.92	15.01	11.42	17.84	14.35
56-63 Household equipment and operation	16.68	17.92	16.00	17.25	17.66	18.88	23.09	27.03	17.28
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	5.37	5.54	5.11	5.36	4.74	4.45	4.48	5.42	5.30
68-75 Transport and communication	33.98	34.14	30.94	32.42	33.52	35.47	49.97	43.99	33.62
76-81 Recreation and education	14.50	17.02	14.47	17.26	16.68	13.99	21.44	25.28	15.78
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	14.47	14.56	15.39	14.03	12.22	13.53	27.60	18.76	14.47
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	172.78	180.49	157.52	164.87	169.15	164.48	237.12	228.13	172.35
Selected other payments									
87 Income tax	28.00	31.71	29.65	27.48	28.70	26.58	43.04	54.25	29.63
88-90 Other	24.30	14.72	14.70	14.20	22.53	*14.66	*11.28	*50.69	19.18
<i>Estimated Number of Households ('000)</i>									
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY									
Rented (including rent free)	490.1	292.7	169.2	122.2	113.2	33.8	8.1	19.7	1,249.0
In process of purchase	510.9	461.5	195.6	129.9	152.0	49.7	2.1	30.3	1,532.0
Owned outright	470.1	408.8	242.4	122.4	90.2	38.3	2.5	3.8	1,378.5
Total	1,471.2	1,163.0	607.2	374.6	355.4	121.8	12.7	53.7	4,159.5

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† Darwin and urban areas only.

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TABLE 1.6 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY CAPITAL CITIES

Item No. (A)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	All capital city households
Number of households in sample (B)	570	653	300	269	294	145	271	311	2,813
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>									
Households	889.8	837.4	302.3	277.8	272.1	51.3	8.4	53.7	2,692.8
Persons (C)	2,749.4	2,575.1	936.7	784.7	843.8	160.0	28.6	179.6	8,257.8
Persons 18 years and over	1,815.6	1,698.9	606.1	551.6	554.6	104.3	17.6	107.8	5,456.5
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>									
All persons	3.09	3.08	3.10	2.82	3.10	3.12	3.41	3.34	3.07
Males	1.54	1.51	1.52	1.41	1.58	1.57	1.84	1.66	1.52
Females	1.55	1.57	1.58	1.42	1.53	1.55	1.57	1.68	1.54
Under 2 years	0.11	0.10	0.17	0.08	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.11
2 and under 5 years	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.20	0.13	0.30	0.32	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.74	0.77	0.75	0.61	0.75	0.82	0.86	0.87	0.74
18 and under 65 years	1.82	1.76	1.76	1.77	1.82	1.84	2.05	1.95	1.79
65 years and over	0.22	0.26	0.25	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.04	0.06	0.23
Persons working (D)	1.43	1.34	1.39	1.39	1.41	1.35	1.67	1.58	1.39
Retired persons (E)	0.12	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.02	0.04	0.12
Average age of household head (F) (years)	45.60	45.92	45.99	44.83	43.19	45.40	37.25	38.06	45.24
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	241.47	241.97	231.23	225.05	229.32	239.47	333.39	315.52	239.28
<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>									
COMMODITY OR SERVICE									
1-6 Current housing costs (H)	29.89	26.41	23.63	23.07	25.97	21.43	36.28	34.26	26.95
7-9 Fuel and power	3.85	4.90	3.26	3.45	3.67	4.83	3.43	5.64	4.10
10-44 Food	35.72	36.64	32.80	33.10	33.09	31.63	48.76	38.34	35.16
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	4.10	4.00	3.54	3.66	3.56	3.61	3.77	3.90	3.89
14-19 Meat and fish	8.23	9.09	8.20	7.50	7.43	8.30	10.12	8.91	8.36
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	5.24	5.39	4.99	4.47	5.18	4.84	5.95	5.52	5.17
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	5.22	5.26	4.89	4.23	4.77	4.15	8.43	5.66	5.05
35-43 Miscellaneous food	5.37	6.05	5.57	5.78	5.88	4.65	8.77	6.10	5.71
44 Meals out and take-away foods	7.56	6.86	5.61	7.46	6.26	6.09	11.72	8.25	6.98
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	11.37	11.73	7.96	9.82	10.13	10.16	22.59	11.56	10.83
50-55 Clothing and footwear	15.24	17.98	12.74	15.34	13.54	18.12	11.33	17.84	15.74
56-63 Household equipment and operation	17.77	18.82	19.00	18.23	18.82	20.81	25.04	27.03	18.65
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	5.50	5.59	5.12	5.51	4.64	4.85	4.34	5.42	5.38
68-75 Transport and communication	35.37	35.35	32.08	33.96	32.72	34.42	56.43	43.99	34.80
76-81 Recreation and education	15.78	17.11	15.25	19.70	16.40	18.05	22.81	25.28	16.86
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	16.37	15.13	17.86	14.99	12.10	16.54	26.45	18.76	15.66
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	186.85	189.66	169.69	177.18	171.10	180.84	257.45	228.13	184.14
Selected other payments									
87 Income tax	32.06	34.12	31.21	27.82	26.97	31.55	38.78	54.25	32.11
88-90 Other	*30.80	*14.07	*16.06	*14.35	*24.02	*19.68	*6.34	*50.69	21.67
<i>Estimated Number of Households ('000)</i>									
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY									
Rented (including rent free)	311.4	220.6	73.0	88.7	80.2	11.6	5.0	19.7	810.2
In process of purchase	362.4	345.2	120.2	115.1	135.1	25.9	1.5	30.3	1,135.6
Owned outright	216.0	271.5	109.2	74.0	56.8	13.8	2.0	3.8	747.0
Total	889.8	837.4	302.3	277.8	272.1	51.3	8.4	53.7	2,692.8

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TABLE 1.7 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY QUARTERLY PERIODS, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	September Quarter 1975	December Quarter 1975	March Quarter 1976	June Quarter 1976	Year 1975-1976
<i>Number of households in sample (B)</i>	1,401	1,484	1,507	1,477	5,869
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>					
Households	4,057.6	4,222.8	4,268.0	4,090.0	4,159.5
Persons (C)	12,687.2	13,204.4	12,817.6	12,664.0	12,843.3
Persons 18 years and over	8,271.6	8,530.0	8,415.6	8,265.2	8,370.5
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>					
All persons	3.13	3.13	3.00	3.10	3.09
Males	1.54	1.56	1.51	1.54	1.54
Females	1.59	1.57	1.49	1.56	1.55
Under 2 years	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.76	0.80	0.73	0.77	0.76
18 and under 65 years	1.76	1.77	1.73	1.80	1.77
65 years and over	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.22	0.25
Persons working (D)	1.34	1.35	1.30	1.36	1.34
Retired persons (E)	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.11	0.13
Average age of household head (F) (years)	46.32	45.72	45.83	45.34	45.80
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	209.35	223.99	227.21	240.71	225.35
<i>COMMODITY OR SERVICE</i>					
<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>					
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	21.12	24.60	24.48	24.31	23.65
7- 9 Fuel and power	4.20	4.10	3.54	4.26	4.02
10-44 Food	31.73	34.28	33.88	34.61	33.64
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	3.91	3.80	3.58	4.06	3.83
14-19 Meat and fish	7.48	8.43	7.99	8.31	8.06
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	5.00	5.12	5.12	5.24	5.12
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	4.14	5.18	5.07	4.88	4.82
35-43 Miscellaneous food	5.21	5.81	5.75	6.01	5.70
44 Meals out and take-away foods	5.98	5.95	6.36	6.12	6.10
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	8.75	11.43	10.78	9.94	10.24
50-55 Clothing and footwear	13.02	15.56	12.63	16.21	14.35
56-63 Household equipment and operation	16.40	19.10	16.57	17.02	17.28
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	5.57	5.19	5.22	5.23	5.30
68-75 Transport and communication	33.01	34.58	34.15	32.69	33.62
76-81 Recreation and education	12.94	18.91	16.45	14.67	15.78
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	12.05	15.42	14.79	15.54	14.47
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	158.79	183.17	172.50	174.48	172.35
<i>Selected other payments</i>					
87 Income tax	26.59	29.74	29.00	33.20	29.63
88-90 Other	18.31	23.57	18.95	15.74	19.18
<i>NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY</i>					
<i>Estimated Number of Households ('000)</i>					
Rented (including rent free)	1,184.8	1,295.2	1,348.4	1,167.6	1,249.0
In process of purchase	1,473.6	1,598.4	1,446.0	1,610.0	1,532.0
Owned outright	1,399.2	1,329.2	1,473.2	1,312.4	1,378.5
Total	4,057.6	4,222.8	4,268.0	4,090.0	4,159.5

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TABLE 1.8 EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT CHILDREN (f) BY NUMBER OF ADULTS (e), AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	1 adult	2 adults	3 or more adults	All households without children
Number of households in sample (B)	865	1,591	392	2,848
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>				
Households	642.2	1,158.3	318.2	2,118.7
Persons (C)	642.2	2,316.6	1,043.3	4,002.2
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>				
All persons	1.00	2.00	3.28	1.89
Males	0.38	0.98	1.71	0.91
Females	0.62	1.02	1.57	0.98
18 and under 65 years	0.55	1.53	2.89	1.43
65 years and over	0.45	0.47	*0.39	0.45
Persons working (D)	0.43	1.17	2.13	1.09
Retired persons (E)	0.17	0.27	*0.22	0.23
Average age of household head (F) (years)	57.50	50.97	52.91	53.24
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	105.04	210.65	328.77	196.38
<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>				
COMMODITY OR SERVICE				
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	16.37	23.64	22.68	21.29
7- 9 Fuel and power	2.35	3.74	4.17	3.38
10-44 Food	15.44	26.90	43.14	25.87
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	1.62	2.77	4.64	2.70
14-19 Meat and fish	3.56	6.96	10.72	6.49
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	2.01	3.70	5.58	3.47
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	2.28	3.99	6.16	3.80
35-43 Miscellaneous food	2.26	4.12	6.62	3.93
44 Meals out and take-away foods	3.71	5.37	9.42	5.47
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	4.80	9.53	16.21	9.10
50-55 Clothing and footwear	6.92	10.65	21.71	11.18
56-63 Household equipment and operation	7.66	18.04	16.75	14.70
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	2.35	4.58	7.63	4.36
68-75 Transport and communication	14.37	29.11	52.61	28.17
76-81 Recreation and education	7.03	11.67	26.52	12.49
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	8.89	13.00	21.43	13.02
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	86.18	150.85	232.87	143.57
Selected other payments				
87 Income tax	14.93	29.07	42.51	26.80
88-90 Other	4.93	24.19	*24.21	18.36
<i>Estimated Number of Households ('000)</i>				
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Rented (including rent free)	270.2	316.4	74.6	661.2
In process of purchase	67.7	325.7	99.9	493.4
Owned outright	304.3	516.1	143.7	964.2
Total	642.2	1,158.3	318.2	2,118.7

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TABLE 1.9 EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN (F) BY HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	1 adult with children	2 adults, 1 child	2 adults, 2 children	2 adults, 3 or more children	3 or more adults with children	All households with children
Number of households in sample (B)	204	617	938	788	470	†3,021
Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)						
Households	142.5	413.1	650.5	494.4	338.4	2,040.8
Persons (C)	411.4	1,239.2	2,601.9	2,767.6	1,817.7	8,841.1
Persons 18 years and over	142.5	825.3	1,300.9	988.8	1,113.5	4,371.0
Average Number of Persons per Household						
All persons	2.89	3.00	4.00	5.60	5.37	4.33
Males	1.16	1.51	2.03	2.85	2.80	2.19
Females	1.73	1.49	1.97	2.75	2.57	2.14
Under 2 years	*0.06	0.38	0.25	0.24	0.12	0.24
2 and under 5 years	0.23	0.20	0.55	0.56	0.17	0.40
5 and under 18 years	1.59	0.42	1.20	2.79	1.79	1.55
18 and under 65 years	0.99	1.98	1.99	2.00	3.14	2.11
65 years and over	*0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	*0.15	0.03
Persons working (D)	0.82	0.84	1.46	1.49	2.61	1.60
Retired persons (E)	*0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	*0.11	0.02
Average age of household head (F) (years)	37.68	35.65	35.53	37.56	47.00	38.08
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	140.43	231.27	248.37	232.95	380.65	255.44
COMMODITY OR SERVICE						
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)						
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	21.02	27.66	29.04	23.85	23.96	26.10
7- 9 Fuel and power	3.53	4.18	4.61	5.13	5.30	4.68
10-44 Food	27.01	32.61	38.95	45.95	58.18	41.70
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	3.15	3.48	4.60	6.17	6.75	5.00
14-19 Meat and fish	6.16	7.49	9.00	10.65	13.74	9.68
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	4.73	5.47	6.32	8.05	8.65	6.84
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	3.84	4.81	5.63	6.47	7.75	5.89
35-43 Miscellaneous food	4.77	5.91	7.05	8.48	10.23	7.53
44 Meals out and take-away foods	4.36	5.45	6.35	6.13	11.07	6.76
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	5.49	10.92	10.23	10.57	18.04	11.42
50-55 Clothing and footwear	10.43	14.47	16.44	16.86	28.15	17.65
56-63 Household equipment and operation	11.84	18.97	22.07	18.45	22.81	19.96
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	2.64	5.92	6.35	6.26	8.14	6.27
68-75 Transport and communication	17.46	34.17	36.35	37.06	63.83	39.29
76-81 Recreation and education	10.13	13.46	19.51	19.98	28.27	19.20
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	12.88	12.25	14.71	15.39	25.18	15.97
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	122.43	174.61	198.24	199.51	281.87	202.24
Selected other payments						
87 Income tax	10.19	31.39	34.75	27.73	46.48	32.57
88-90 Other	*1.83	22.75	25.47	17.66	17.52	20.04
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY						
Estimated Number of Households ('000)						
Rented (including rent free)	90.3	146.8	168.3	120.9	59.5	587.8
In process of purchase	28.0	183.9	383.1	267.8	175.9	1,038.7
Owned outright	24.2	82.3	99.2	105.7	103.0	414.4
Total	142.5	413.1	650.5	494.4	338.4	2,040.8

† Includes 4 households where no person was aged 18 years and over.

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TABLE 1.10 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (g) OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	Employee (h)	Self-employed (i)	Non-employed (j)	All households
Number of households in sample (B)	3,666	863	1,340	5,869
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>				
Households	2,633.0	514.1	1,012.4	4,159.5
Persons (C)	8,785.4	1,924.0	2,133.9	12,843.3
Persons 18 years and over	5,527.0	1,108.8	1,734.7	8,370.5
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>				
All persons	3.34	3.74	2.11	3.09
Males	1.71	1.93	0.89	1.54
Females	1.63	1.81	1.22	1.55
Under 2 years	0.14	0.14	0.04	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.23	0.26	0.06	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.86	1.18	0.29	0.76
18 and under 65 years	2.04	2.01	0.92	1.77
65 years and over	0.06	0.15	0.79	0.25
Persons working (D)	1.65	1.90	0.25	1.34
Retired persons (E)	0.01	0.02	0.48	0.13
Average age of household head (F) (years)	39.56	43.50	63.22	45.80
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	266.88	250.62	104.53	225.35
<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>				
COMMODITY OR SERVICE				
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	28.56	20.46	12.51	23.65
7- 9 Fuel and power	4.27	4.18	3.30	4.02
10-44 Food	37.01	37.79	22.76	33.64
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	4.07	4.38	2.94	3.83
14-19 Meat and fish	8.56	9.35	6.08	8.06
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	5.45	6.28	3.68	5.12
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	5.15	5.56	3.60	4.82
35-43 Miscellaneous food	6.30	6.28	3.85	5.70
44 Meals out and take-away foods	7.48	5.94	2.60	6.10
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	12.07	9.89	5.66	10.24
50-55 Clothing and footwear	16.23	15.82	8.73	14.35
56-63 Household equipment and operation	20.06	19.02	9.16	17.28
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	5.81	6.61	3.30	5.30
68-75 Transport and communication	40.64	31.49	16.47	33.62
76-81 Recreation and education	18.51	16.83	8.16	15.78
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	16.41	14.39	9.46	14.47
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	199.56	176.46	99.50	172.35
Selected other payments				
87 Income tax	36.72	35.25	8.35	29.63
88-90 Other	23.18	15.86	10.46	19.18
<i>Estimated Number of Households ('000)</i>				
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Rented (including rent free)	870.3	93.4	285.3	1,249.0
In process of purchase	1,213.6	199.9	118.5	1,532.0
Owned outright	549.1	220.8	608.7	1,378.5
Total	2,633.0	514.1	1,012.4	4,159.5

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TABLE 1.11 EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYEE (h) HEAD BY OCCUPATION (k) OF HEAD, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	Professional, technical, administrative, etc. (l)	Clerical and sales (m)	Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	Other employees (n)	All households with employee head
Number of households in sample (B)	835	650	1,386	795	3,666
Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)					
Households	624.5	479.4	1,006.1	523.0	2,633.0
Persons (C)	2,088.1	1,424.1	3,528.5	1,744.7	8,785.4
Persons 18 years and over	1,310.3	925.8	2,207.2	1,083.8	5,527.0
Average Number of Persons per Household					
All persons	3.34	2.97	3.51	3.34	3.34
Males	1.72	1.47	1.82	1.70	1.71
Females	1.63	1.50	1.69	1.64	1.63
Under 2 years	0.15	0.11	0.15	0.14	0.14
2 and under 5 years	0.21	0.21	0.25	0.24	0.23
5 and under 18 years	0.89	0.72	0.91	0.88	0.86
18 and under 65 years	2.05	1.88	2.14	1.99	2.04
65 years and over	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.06
Persons working (D)	1.66	1.61	1.69	1.58	1.65
Retired persons (E)	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Average age of household head (F) (years)	39.13	37.89	40.19	40.37	39.56
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	334.28	255.46	244.81	239.33	266.88
COMMODITY OR SERVICE					
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)					
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	36.97	31.16	23.33	26.19	28.56
7- 9 Fuel and power	4.66	4.21	4.23	3.93	4.27
10-44 Food	39.27	33.91	38.27	34.73	37.01
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	3.92	3.53	4.48	3.95	4.07
14-19 Meat and fish	8.47	7.36	9.36	8.25	8.56
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	5.44	4.79	5.88	5.23	5.45
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	5.60	4.72	5.39	4.55	5.15
35-43 Miscellaneous food	6.25	5.46	6.70	6.34	6.30
44 Meals out and take-away foods	9.59	8.06	6.45	6.43	7.48
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	10.92	10.34	13.42	12.44	12.07
50-55 Clothing and footwear	18.79	16.96	15.90	13.13	16.23
56-63 Household equipment and operation	29.29	19.43	17.46	14.64	20.06
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	6.59	5.59	5.50	5.71	5.81
68-75 Transport and communication	47.20	38.17	38.95	38.32	40.64
76-81 Recreation and education	25.80	16.41	17.23	14.19	18.51
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	23.44	15.99	13.18	14.61	16.41
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	242.92	192.18	187.44	177.89	199.56
Selected other payments					
87 Income tax	55.75	33.43	30.07	29.80	36.72
88-90 Other	35.28	27.15	16.95	17.07	23.18
NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY					
Estimated Number of Households ('000)					
Rented (including rent free)	166.2	144.0	328.1	232.0	870.3
In process of purchase	354.1	254.0	419.2	186.3	1,213.6
Owned outright	104.2	81.4	258.8	104.6	549.1
Total	624.5	479.4	1,006.1	523.0	2,633.0

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TABLE 1.12 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY AGE OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	Under 30 years	30 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 years and over	All households
<i>Number of households in sample (B)</i>	1,304	1,834	1,841	890	5,869
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>					
Households	851.1	1,257.1	1,348.6	702.8	4,159.5
Persons (C)	2,392.0	5,213.7	4,013.5	1,224.1	12,843.3
Persons 18 years and over	1,654.7	2,500.5	3,032.1	1,183.2	8,370.5
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>					
All persons	2.81	4.15	2.98	1.74	3.09
Males	1.42	2.11	1.51	0.72	1.54
Females	1.39	2.04	1.47	1.02	1.55
Under 2 years	0.30	0.16	0.02	0.00	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.32	0.39	0.04	0.00	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.25	1.61	0.67	0.05	0.76
18 and under 65 years	1.94	1.97	2.19	0.38	1.77
65 years and over	0.01	0.02	0.06	1.30	0.25
Persons working (D)	1.50	1.53	1.57	0.35	1.34
Retired persons (E)	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.55	0.13
Average age of household head (F) (years)	25.00	36.47	53.80	72.35	45.80
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	235.08	256.69	247.18	115.64	225.35
<i>COMMODITY OR SERVICE</i>					
<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>					
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	34.06	29.83	18.17	10.51	23.65
7- 9 Fuel and power	3.50	4.64	4.22	3.15	4.02
10-44 Food	30.28	40.61	36.36	20.01	33.64
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	2.97	4.74	4.21	2.53	3.83
14-19 Meat and fish	5.98	9.43	9.42	5.50	8.06
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	4.31	6.54	5.36	3.10	5.12
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	3.94	5.82	5.23	3.33	4.82
35-43 Miscellaneous food	5.65	7.08	5.82	3.06	5.70
44 Meals out and take-away foods	7.43	7.00	6.32	2.48	6.10
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	11.29	11.21	11.60	4.63	10.24
50-55 Clothing and footwear	12.35	16.97	16.55	7.86	14.35
56-63 Household equipment and operation	18.36	21.48	17.44	8.16	17.28
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	4.50	6.02	5.99	3.64	5.30
68-75 Transport and communication	37.10	38.10	37.88	13.24	33.62
76-81 Recreation and education	15.40	19.27	17.14	7.39	15.78
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	11.46	15.85	17.42	9.98	14.47
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	178.30	203.99	182.77	88.58	172.35
<i>Selected other payments</i>					
87 Income tax	27.73	36.32	33.87	11.85	29.63
88-90 Other	20.31	23.78	17.95	11.92	19.18
<i>NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY</i>					
<i>Estimated Number of Households ('000)</i>					
Rented (including rent free)	485.9	349.9	274.9	138.3	1,249.0
In process of purchase	327.9	697.6	464.0	42.6	1,532.0
Owned outright	37.4	209.6	609.7	521.8	1,378.5
Total	851.1	1,257.1	1,348.6	702.8	4,159.5

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TABLE 1.13 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY, AUSTRALIA

Item No. (A)	Renting furnished	Renting unfurnished	In process of purchasing	Owned outright	All households
Number of households in sample (B)	537	1,104	1,957	1,981	†5,869
<i>Estimated Total Number in Population ('000)</i>					
Households	285.6	788.8	1,532.0	1,378.5	4,159.5
Persons (C)	627.6	2,433.1	5,632.5	3,660.1	12,843.3
Persons 18 years and over	490.3	1,521.4	3,312.8	2,750.7	8,370.5
<i>Average Number of Persons per Household</i>					
All persons	2.20	3.08	3.68	2.66	3.09
Males	1.11	1.55	1.87	1.28	1.54
Females	1.09	1.54	1.81	1.38	1.55
Under 2 years	0.12	0.17	0.16	0.04	0.12
2 and under 5 years	0.10	0.25	0.29	0.08	0.19
5 and under 18 years	0.25	0.74	1.06	0.54	0.76
18 and under 65 years	1.62	1.80	2.10	1.45	1.77
65 years and over	0.10	0.13	0.06	0.54	0.25
Persons working (D)	1.29	1.29	1.64	1.07	1.34
Retired persons (E)	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.28	0.13
Average age of household head (F) (years)	34.82	38.98	39.81	58.39	45.80
Average weekly household income (G) (\$)	207.47	207.67	275.54	189.54	225.35
COMMODITY OR SERVICE	<i>Average Weekly Household Expenditure (\$)</i>				
1- 6 Current housing costs (H)	31.74	27.62	33.72	9.61	23.65
7- 9 Fuel and power	2.34	3.67	4.66	3.97	4.02
10-44 Food	27.51	32.11	38.93	30.49	33.64
10-13 Bread, cakes and cereals	2.46	3.62	4.38	3.72	3.83
14-19 Meat and fish	5.67	7.10	9.04	8.14	8.06
20-26 Dairy products, oils and fats	3.44	4.77	5.93	4.78	5.12
27-34 Fruit and vegetables	3.58	4.48	5.45	4.62	4.82
35-43 Miscellaneous food	4.71	5.70	6.70	4.89	5.70
44 Meals out and take-away foods	7.65	6.44	7.43	4.34	6.10
45-49 Alcohol and tobacco	13.83	11.61	11.67	7.52	10.24
50-55 Clothing and footwear	11.03	13.59	17.11	12.88	14.35
56-63 Household equipment and operation	12.53	14.66	23.15	13.78	17.28
64-67 Medical care and health expenses (I)	3.84	4.40	6.14	5.26	5.30
68-75 Transport and communication	32.82	30.52	40.76	28.41	33.62
76-81 Recreation and education	17.04	13.11	19.24	13.20	15.78
82-86 Miscellaneous goods and services	14.44	11.95	16.47	14.02	14.47
1-86 Total Expenditure (J)	167.11	163.23	211.85	139.12	172.35
Selected other payments					
87 Income tax	24.97	22.43	39.09	25.67	29.63
88-90 Other	9.13	3.01	32.37	18.46	19.18

† Includes 290 households in rent-free accommodation not shown elsewhere in this table.

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TABLE 1.14 AVERAGE INCOME AND PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM DIFFERENT INCOME SOURCES (p) BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, AUSTRALIA

	Weekly Household Income						
	Under \$80	\$80 and under \$140	\$140 and under \$200	\$200 and under \$260	\$260 and under \$340	\$340 or more	All households
<i>Number of households in sample (B)</i>	892	818	1,148	942	966	1,068	†5,834
<i>Average Weekly Household Income (\$)</i>							
Source of Income :							
Wages and salaries	2.31	54.35	131.34	189.22	250.46	364.89	171.47
Self-employment	3.58	13.23	14.60	19.29	24.89	68.32	24.78
Government direct benefits (other than child endowment and education grants)	38.40	26.03	11.28	7.21	5.83	6.71	15.15
Interest, rent, dividends, etc.	4.20	7.68	5.20	6.68	7.27	15.21	7.78
Other regular income	4.28	10.04	7.10	6.88	6.61	10.03	7.50
Total	52.77	111.33	169.51	229.27	295.05	465.15	226.68
<i>Percentage of Total Household Income (per cent)</i>							
Wages and salaries	4.4	48.8	77.5	82.5	84.9	78.4	75.6
Self-employment	6.8	11.9	8.6	8.4	8.4	14.7	10.9
Government direct benefits (other than child endowment and education grants)	72.8	23.4	6.7	3.1	2.0	1.4	6.7
Interest, rent, dividends, etc.	8.0	6.9	3.1	2.9	2.5	3.3	3.4
Other regular income	8.1	9.0	4.2	3.0	2.2	2.2	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

† Excludes 35 households which reported no positive income.

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FOOTNOTES

- (a) The six State capital city Statistical Divisions, the Darwin Statistical District and the Canberra Statistical District (excluding Queanbeyan) as delimited for purposes of the 1971 Census of Population and Housing.
- (b) All towns and urban centres with a population of more than 500 persons (excluding the capital cities) as delimited for purposes of the 1971 Census of Population and Housing.
- (c) Localities with a population of less than 500 persons and rural areas (remote areas with less than 0.15 dwellings per square mile were excluded from the survey).
- (d) For the purposes of this survey the Canberra Statistical District (excluding Queanbeyan) represents both the A.C.T. and Canberra.
- (e) Adults were defined as persons aged 18 years and over, together with any married persons less than 18 years of age.
- (f) Children were defined as persons under 18 years of age unless married. Married persons were defined as adults irrespective of age.
- (g) Employment status refers to whether a person is an employee, self-employed or non-employed.
- (h) Those workers who are wage and salary earners in their main job.
- (i) Those workers whose main source of 'earned' income is their own business or partnership.
- (j) Those persons aged 15 years and over who did not report any 'earned' income. Included are housewives, retired persons, unemployed persons and full-time students.
- (k) Occupation was coded only for 'employees', on the basis of their main job, using a classification based on the 1971 Census of Population and Housing Classification and Classified List of Occupations (see Appendix 2 of Bulletin 1 1974-75 Survey) (6507.0).
- (l) Professional, technical and related workers; administrative, executive and managerial workers.
- (m) Includes book-keepers, typists and shop assistants.
- (n) Employees engaged in farming, fishing, hunting and timber getting; miners, quarrymen and related workers; workers in transport and communication; service, sport and recreation workers; and members of armed services.
- (p) See paragraph 8 for description of main components of income.
- (A) Item numbers refer to expenditure ('commodity or service') groups. Details of the individual items which comprise expenditure groups are given in Appendix 2 of this bulletin.
- (B) Households providing the full range of information sought. Data provided by sample households were expanded to produce estimates relating to all households represented by the survey.
- (C) See paragraph 2 for criteria used in determining whether or not individual persons are included as members of a household.
- (D) Workers are those persons aged 15 years and over who reported any 'earned' income. See paragraph 15.
- (E) Retired persons are those persons who reported no 'earned' income and who described themselves as being retired.
- (F) Reported as age last birthday.
- (G) Household income is the sum of the gross weekly incomes of household members. See paragraphs 8-9 for definition of income.
- (H) Included in 'Current housing costs' are both the principal and interest components of any housing loan repayments. Excluded are outright purchase of, or deposit on, dwellings or land, and other payments of a capital nature, which are included in 'Selected other payments'.
- (I) Estimates of expenditure on health services are net of any refund received or expected to be received.
- (J) Does not include 'Selected other payments'.

APPENDIX 1 : STANDARD ERRORS

Sources of sampling error

The magnitude of the sampling error associated with a sample estimate depends principally on three factors :

- (a) *Sample design* : The design of the sample used in the 1975-76 Household Expenditure Survey was essentially the same as that used in the 1974-75 survey, with appropriate modifications to take account of the reduced sample size in the capital cities (approximately one quarter of the 1974-75 sample) and the extension of the survey to other urban and to rural areas.
- (b) *Sample size* : All other things being equal, the larger the sample size on which an estimate is based, the smaller will be its sampling error.
- (c) *Population variability* : The third factor which influences sampling error is the variability in the size (of reported expenditure for example) of a particular item from household to household. This is referred to as the 'population variability' for that item. The smaller the population variability for an item the more likely the average value for that item estimated from the sample will be close to the true value and therefore the smaller the sampling error. For example, expenditure on 'Food' can be expected to have smaller population variability, than expenditure on 'Household Equipment and Operation', and therefore (all other things being equal) the estimate for expenditure on 'Food' can be expected to have smaller sampling error than the estimate for expenditure on 'Household Equipment and Operation'.

Measurement of sampling error

A numerical measure of the sampling error of an estimate which takes into account the effect of the above three factors is the *standard error* of the estimate. The particular sample selected for the survey is only one of a large number of samples that could have been selected using the same sample selection procedures. Each sample would yield a different set of estimates. The standard error measures the variation of all the possible sample estimates around the figure that would have been obtained from a comparable complete enumeration of the population. The standard error is therefore an estimate of the sampling error in absolute terms, e.g. the standard error of an estimate of 'Total Expenditure' is an estimate of the sampling error measured in terms of a dollar amount.

In order to facilitate the comparison of sampling errors between differently measured items in a survey, it is usual to express the standard error in relative terms, as the *standard error percent*. The standard error percent is obtained by taking the standard error, dividing by the estimate and multiplying by 100. The standard error percent thus measures the size of the sampling error relative to the size of the estimate, expressed as a percentage.

The standard error (or equivalently the standard error percent) for an item can be used to construct an interval such that an approximate level of confidence exists that the true value for the item lies within the specified interval. For example, given an estimate and the standard error of the estimate, there are approximately 2 chances in 3 that the true value lies within one standard error of the estimate and approximately 19 chances in 20 that it lies within two standard errors of the estimate. The width of this confidence interval will tend to decrease with increasing sample size.

Method of presentation

In order to facilitate the presentation of the sampling errors associated with the estimates in this bulletin, this Appendix gives details of the standard error percents for selected estimates in this bulletin.

The standard error percents for these estimates are shown in Tables 1.15 to 1.19. An example of the use of these standard error percents is as follows. The estimate of average weekly expenditure on 'Food' in Sydney is \$35.72 with a standard error percent of 2.6%. The standard error for this estimate is therefore \$0.93. Thus there are about 2 chances in 3 that the true figure lies in the range \$34.79 to \$36.65 and about 19 chances in 20 that the figure is between \$33.86 and \$37.58.

It should be noted that the standard error percents given below are survey estimates themselves and are therefore also subject to sampling error. An attempt was made to reduce this sampling variability by 'smoothing' the errors whenever practicable. The smoothing method used is analogous to the method described in Bulletin 3 (6509.0) of the 1974-75 survey.

Standard errors for derived estimates

It may sometimes be of interest to derive further estimates from those published in this bulletin. One example of this is the estimate of the year-to-year movement in an item between the 1974-75 survey and the 1975-76 survey. If x_1 and x_2 and S_1 and S_2 represent the estimates for each year and their respective standard error percents, an approximation to the standard error percent of the year-to-year movement $x_2 - x_1$ is given by

$$\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2}{(x_2 - x_1)^2} S_1^2 + \frac{x_2^2}{(x_2 - x_1)^2} S_2^2}$$

For this comparison the standard error percent obtained in this way will be at most overstated by 15 per cent and in most instances the overstatement will be considerably smaller.

A similar situation arises when sums or differences of estimates published in this bulletin are calculated. Under the assumption that there is no relation between the component estimates, the standard error percent of a difference of two estimates will be given by the

expression above, while the standard error percent of the sum of two estimates will be obtained by replacing $(x_2 - x_1)$ by $(x_1 + x_2)$ in the same expression.

If in fact there does exist a positive relationship between the component estimates, the above method will tend to understate the true standard error percent of $(x_1 + x_2)$ and overstate the corresponding error of $(x_2 - x_1)$. If the relationship between these estimates is negative, the standard error percent of $(x_1 + x_2)$ will be overstated, while that of $(x_2 - x_1)$ will be understated.

The approximate standard error percent of the ratio x_2/x_1 of two published estimates is given by

$$\sqrt{S_1^2 + S_2^2}$$

If there is a positive relationship between x_1 and x_2 the above expression will overstate the true standard error percent of x_2/x_1 . If the relationship between x_1 and x_2 is negative, the standard error percent of x_2/x_1 will be understated.

For further information on the standard error percents shown in Tables 1.15 to 1.19 or for details of the standard error percents of any other estimates, including more complex derived estimates (e.g. ratios), contact Mr L. Kempen, Canberra 526229 or write to Information Services, ABS, P.O. Box 10, Belconnen, A.C.T. 2616.

TABLE 1.15 STANDARD ERROR PERCENT – HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME,
AUSTRALIA, CAPITAL CITIES, OTHER URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

	Average weekly household expenditure on										
	Current housing costs	Fuel and power	Food	Alcohol and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Household equipment and operation	Medical care and health expenses	Transport and communication	Recreation and education	Miscellaneous goods and services	Total expenditure
	STANDARD ERROR (Per cent)										
Weekly household income											
Australia											
Under \$80	5.0	3.1	2.3	4.6	5.7	9.8	4.5	4.8	8.6	6.7	2.9
\$ 80and under \$140	5.2	3.2	2.4	4.9	5.9	10.2	4.7	5.0	9.0	6.9	3.0
\$140 " " \$200	4.6	2.8	2.1	4.2	5.2	9.1	4.3	4.5	7.9	6.3	2.7
\$200 " " \$260	4.9	3.1	2.3	4.6	5.6	9.7	4.5	4.8	8.5	6.7	2.9
\$260 " " \$340	4.9	3.0	2.2	4.5	5.6	9.6	4.5	4.8	8.5	6.6	2.8
\$340 or more	4.7	2.9	2.2	4.3	5.4	9.3	4.4	4.6	8.2	6.4	2.7
All households	2.3	1.5	1.3	2.1	2.8	5.5	2.8	2.6	4.3	3.9	1.6
All capital cities											
Under \$80	7.7	4.7	3.1	7.2	8.5	13.7	6.1	6.9	12.9	9.2	4.1
\$ 80and under \$140	7.6	4.6	3.1	7.1	8.3	13.4	6.0	6.7	12.6	9.0	4.0
\$140 " " \$200	6.3	3.9	2.7	5.9	7.1	11.8	5.3	5.9	10.8	8.0	3.5
\$200 " " \$260	6.6	4.0	2.8	6.1	7.4	12.1	5.5	6.0	11.2	8.2	3.6
\$260 " " \$340	6.2	3.8	2.7	5.8	7.0	11.6	5.2	5.8	10.6	7.9	3.4
\$340 or more	5.7	3.5	2.5	5.3	6.4	10.9	5.0	5.4	9.8	7.4	3.2
All capital city households	3.2	2.0	1.6	2.9	3.7	6.9	3.4	3.4	5.7	4.8	2.0
Other urban areas											
Under \$80	6.8	4.2	2.9	6.4	7.6	12.4	5.6	6.2	11.5	8.4	3.7
\$ 80and under \$140	7.6	4.6	3.1	7.1	8.4	13.5	6.0	6.8	12.7	9.1	4.0
\$140 " " \$200	6.5	4.0	2.8	6.1	7.3	12.0	5.4	6.0	11.0	8.1	3.5
\$200 " " \$260	7.3	4.5	3.0	6.9	8.1	13.2	5.8	6.6	12.3	8.9	3.9
\$260 " " \$340	7.5	4.6	3.1	7.0	8.3	13.4	5.9	6.7	12.6	9.0	4.0
\$340 or more	7.9	4.8	3.2	7.4	8.7	14.0	6.2	7.0	13.2	9.4	4.2
All urban households	3.5	2.2	1.8	3.2	4.1	7.4	3.6	3.6	6.2	5.2	2.2
Rural areas											
Under \$80	9.6	5.7	3.7	9.0	10.3	16.1	6.9	8.1	15.7	10.7	4.8
\$ 80and under \$140	10.3	6.2	3.9	9.7	11.1	17.1	7.3	8.6	16.8	11.3	5.1
\$140 " " \$200	10.2	6.1	3.8	9.6	11.0	17.0	7.3	8.6	16.7	11.3	5.1
\$200 " " \$260	11.3	6.7	4.1	10.7	12.1	18.3	7.8	9.3	18.4	12.1	5.5
\$260 " " \$340	12.7	7.5	4.5	12.0	13.4	20.0	8.4	10.2	20.4	13.2	6.0
\$340 or more	11.7	6.9	4.2	11.0	12.4	18.7	7.9	9.5	18.8	12.4	5.6
All rural households	5.2	3.2	2.3	4.8	5.9	10.1	4.7	5.0	9.0	6.9	3.0

TABLE 1.16 STANDARD ERROR PERCENT – HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY STATES AND TERRITORIES

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. †	A.C.T.	All households
STANDARD ERROR (Per cent)									
<i>Estimated total number in population</i>									
Households	3.0	3.3	4.0	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.9	6.0	1.7
Persons	3.5	3.8	4.6	5.4	5.6	6.1	6.8	6.9	2.1
Persons 18 years and over	3.2	3.5	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.6	6.3	6.4	1.8
<i>Average number of persons per household</i>									
All persons	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.2	1.1
Males	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	1.5
Females	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.2	1.2
Under 2 years	9.2	9.8	11.4	13.2	13.5	14.4	15.7	15.9	5.9
2 and under 5 years	7.8	8.4	10.1	12.0	12.4	13.3	14.8	15.0	4.6
5 and under 18 years	4.8	5.2	6.2	7.5	7.7	8.3	9.3	9.4	2.8
18 and under 65 years	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	1.0
65 years and over	7.3	8.0	10.0	12.5	13.0	14.3	16.3	16.7	3.7
Persons working	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.1	1.2
Retired persons	8.3	9.2	11.7	14.9	15.6	17.3	20.0	20.4	4.0
Average age of household head (years)	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	0.8
Average weekly household income	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.0	1.1
<i>Average weekly household expenditure</i>									
Commodity or service									
Current housing costs	4.0	4.3	5.2	6.2	6.4	6.9	7.6	7.8	2.3
Fuel and power	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.7	1.5
Food	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.1	1.3
Bread, cakes and cereals	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.6	1.1
Meat and fish	2.6	2.8	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.9	5.0	1.5
Dairy products, oils and fats	2.4	2.5	3.0	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.5	1.4
Fruit and vegetables	2.2	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.3	1.3
Miscellaneous food	2.6	2.7	3.3	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.9	4.9	1.5
Meals out and take-away foods	4.7	5.0	5.6	6.4	6.5	6.9	7.4	7.5	3.3
Alcohol and tobacco	3.7	4.0	4.8	5.7	5.9	6.4	7.1	7.3	2.1
Clothing and footwear	4.6	5.0	5.9	6.9	7.1	7.6	8.4	8.5	2.8
Household equipment and operation	8.3	8.7	10.1	11.5	11.8	12.5	13.6	13.7	5.5
Medical care and health expenses	3.9	4.1	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.6	6.0	6.1	2.8
Transport and communication	4.0	4.3	5.0	5.7	5.9	6.2	6.8	6.9	2.6
Recreation and education	7.0	7.5	8.9	10.5	10.8	11.6	12.8	13.0	4.3
Miscellaneous goods and services	5.7	6.0	6.9	7.8	8.0	8.4	9.1	9.2	3.9
Total expenditure	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.1	1.6
Selected other payments									
Income tax	3.8	4.1	4.8	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.9	7.0	2.4
Other	15.4	16.5	19.5	22.9	23.7	25.3	28.0	28.4	9.5
<i>Estimated number of households</i>									
<i>Nature of housing occupancy</i>									
Rented (including rent free)	4.6	5.1	6.5	8.2	8.5	9.4	10.8	11.1	2.2
In process of purchase	6.7	7.2	8.7	10.5	10.9	11.8	13.2	13.4	3.8
Owned outright	5.4	5.8	7.1	8.6	8.9	10.0	10.9	11.1	3.0

† Darwin and urban areas only.

TABLE 1.17 STANDARD ERROR PERCENT – HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY CAPITAL CITIES

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	All capital city households
STANDARD ERROR (Per cent)									
<i>Estimated total number in population</i>									
Households	4.7	4.4	6.1	6.4	6.2	8.3	6.4	6.0	2.4
Persons	5.4	5.1	7.0	7.3	7.0	9.4	7.3	6.9	2.8
Persons 18 years and over	4.9	4.7	6.5	6.8	6.5	8.8	6.8	6.4	2.5
<i>Average number of persons per household</i>									
All persons	2.6	2.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	4.3	3.4	3.2	1.4
Males	3.1	2.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.6	3.8	3.7	1.9
Females	3.2	3.1	4.2	4.4	4.3	5.7	4.4	4.2	1.7
Under 2 years	13.0	12.4	16.1	16.7	16.2	20.6	16.7	15.9	7.6
2 and under 5 years	11.8	11.2	15.3	15.9	15.4	20.4	15.9	15.0	6.2
5 and under 18 years	7.4	7.0	9.6	10.0	9.7	12.9	10.0	9.4	3.8
18 and under 65 years	2.0	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.4	3.0	2.5	2.4	1.2
65 years and over	12.2	11.4	17.0	18.0	17.2	24.6	17.9	16.7	5.4
Persons working	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.2	4.0	3.2	3.1	1.5
Retired persons	14.6	13.6	20.8	22.1	21.0	31.1	22.1	20.4	6.0
Average age of household head (years)	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.4	2.3	3.0	2.4	2.3	1.0
Average weekly household income	3.1	2.9	4.1	4.3	4.1	5.6	4.3	4.0	1.6
<i>Average weekly household expenditure</i>									
Commodity or service									
Current housing costs	6.1	5.7	7.9	8.2	7.9	10.6	8.2	7.8	3.2
Fuel and power	3.7	3.5	4.8	5.0	4.8	6.3	5.0	4.7	2.0
Food	2.6	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.1	1.6
Bread, cakes and cereals	2.8	2.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.9	3.8	3.6	1.5
Meat and fish	3.9	3.7	5.1	5.3	5.1	6.8	5.3	5.0	2.0
Dairy products, oils and fats	3.5	3.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	6.1	4.8	4.5	1.9
Fruit and vegetables	3.4	3.2	4.4	4.6	4.4	5.8	4.5	4.3	1.8
Miscellaneous food	3.9	3.7	5.0	5.2	5.1	6.7	5.2	4.9	2.0
Meals out and take-away foods	6.3	6.1	7.6	7.8	7.6	9.3	7.8	7.5	4.0
Alcohol and tobacco	5.6	5.3	7.4	7.7	7.4	10.0	7.7	7.3	2.9
Clothing and footwear	6.8	6.5	8.7	9.0	8.7	11.4	9.0	8.5	3.7
Household equipment and operation	11.4	10.9	13.9	14.4	14.0	17.4	14.3	13.7	6.9
Medical care and health expenses	5.2	5.0	6.1	6.3	6.2	7.4	6.3	6.1	3.4
Transport and communication	5.6	5.4	7.0	7.2	7.0	8.8	7.2	6.9	3.4
Recreation and education	10.3	9.8	13.1	13.7	13.2	17.3	13.7	13.0	5.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.7	7.4	9.3	9.6	9.4	11.5	9.6	9.2	4.8
Total expenditure	3.4	3.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	5.2	4.3	4.1	2.0
Selected other payments									
Income tax	5.6	5.3	7.1	7.4	7.1	9.2	7.3	7.0	3.1
Other	22.6	21.5	28.8	30.0	29.0	37.8	29.9	28.4	12.5
<i>Estimated number of households</i>									
<i>Nature of housing occupancy</i>									
Rented (including rent free)	8.0	7.4	11.3	11.9	11.4	16.7	11.9	11.1	3.4
In process of purchase	10.3	9.8	13.6	14.3	13.8	18.6	14.2	13.4	5.2
Owned outright	8.5	8.0	11.2	11.8	11.3	15.5	11.8	11.1	4.2

TABLE 1.18 STANDARD ERROR PERCENT – HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS – AUSTRALIA

	Average weekly household expenditure on										
	Current housing costs	Fuel and power	Food	Alcohol and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Household equipment and operation	Medical care and health expenses	Transport and communication	Recreation and education	Miscellaneous goods and services	Total expenditure
STANDARD ERROR (Per cent)											
<i>Household composition</i>											
Households with children	2.7	2.0	1.4	2.8	3.5	6.3	2.6	2.6	6.8	4.3	1.7
Households without children	2.7	2.1	3.2	2.9	3.6	6.5	2.7	2.7	6.9	4.4	1.8
<i>Characteristics of head</i>											
Household with head being											
An employee	2.5	1.9	1.3	2.6	3.2	5.9	2.4	2.4	6.5	3.9	1.6
Self-employed	4.0	3.1	2.1	5.1	6.4	10.5	4.8	4.8	9.1	7.0	2.8
Non-employed	3.5	2.7	1.8	4.1	5.2	8.8	3.9	3.9	8.2	5.9	2.4
Professional, technical or administrative, etc. employee	4.1	3.1	2.2	5.1	6.5	10.7	4.9	4.9	9.2	7.1	2.8
Clerical or sales employee	4.4	3.4	2.4	5.8	7.3	11.8	5.5	5.5	9.7	7.9	3.1
Trades, production-process working, or labouring employee	3.4	2.6	1.8	4.0	5.1	8.7	3.8	3.8	8.2	5.8	2.3
Other employee	4.1	3.2	2.2	5.3	6.6	10.9	5.0	5.0	9.3	7.3	2.9
Aged under 30 years	3.5	2.7	1.8	4.2	5.2	8.9	3.9	3.9	8.3	6.0	2.4
Aged 30 and under 45 years	3.1	2.4	1.6	3.5	4.5	7.8	3.3	3.3	7.6	5.2	2.1
Aged 45 and under 65 years	3.1	2.4	1.6	3.5	4.5	7.7	3.3	3.3	7.6	5.2	2.1
Aged 65 and over	4.0	3.0	2.1	5.0	6.3	10.4	4.7	4.7	9.0	7.0	2.7
<i>Nature of housing occupancy</i>											
Renting – furnished	4.7	3.6	2.5	6.3	7.8	12.8	6.1	6.1	10.2	8.5	3.3
Renting – unfurnished	3.7	2.8	2.0	4.5	5.7	9.5	4.3	4.3	8.6	6.4	2.5
In process of purchase	3.1	2.3	1.6	3.4	4.3	7.6	3.2	3.2	7.5	5.1	2.0
Owned outright	3.1	2.3	1.6	3.4	4.3	7.5	3.2	3.2	7.5	5.0	2.0

TABLE 1.19 STANDARD ERROR PERCENT – HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM DIFFERENT INCOME SOURCES BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME – AUSTRALIA

	Weekly household income						All households †
	Under \$80	\$80 and under \$140	\$140 and under \$200	\$200 and under \$260	\$260 and under \$340	\$340 or more	
STANDARD ERROR (Per cent)							
Source of income							
Wages and salaries	12.0	3.2	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.3
Self-employment	13.8	11.4	11.1	11.4	11.3	9.9	6.2
Government direct benefits (other than child endowment and education grants)	3.0	5.6	6.9	11.0	12.3	11.1	3.4
Interest, rent, dividends, etc.	12.7	14.2	11.3	11.6	11.1	10.0	4.2
Other regular income	10.1	7.9	11.3	10.9	10.0	12.5	4.2
Total	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.3	1.1

† Excludes 35 households which reported no positive income.

APPENDIX 2 – CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE (COMMODITY OR SERVICE)

At its most detailed level (fine level expenditure) the classification contains over 300 items. For publication purposes these 300 items were grouped into 90 major items of expenditure (medium level) and 17 expenditure groups (broad level). The broad level groups are shown below in bold type. The number shown against each fine level expenditure item is the commodity code applied during the coding of payments.

<i>Level of detail in published tables (broad and medium level expenditure)</i>		<i>Components separately identified (fine level expenditure)</i>	
1-6	CURRENT HOUSING COSTS (1)		
1	Rent Payments (2)	101	Rent payments
2	Mortgage Payments (3)	102	Mortgage payments on dwelling
		103	Mortgage payments on dwellings and land combined
3	Rate Payments	104	Water and sewerage rates
		105	General rates
4	House Insurance (4)	106	House insurance
5	Repair and Maintenance	107	Payments to contractors (materials and labour)
		108	Materials for repair and maintenance
6	Housing Payments for Other Dwellings	109	Council rates for other dwellings
		110	Other housing payments for other dwellings
7-9	FUEL AND POWER		
7	Electricity	111	Electricity
8	Gas	112	Mains gas
		113	L.P. gas
9	Other Fuels	114	Heating oil
		116	Kerosene and paraffin
		115	Other fuels
10-44	FOOD		
10-13	BREAD, CAKES AND CEREALS		
10	Bread	201	Bread
11	Flour	202	Flour
12	Cakes, Biscuits, etc.	203	Cakes, tarts, puddings, etc.
		204	Biscuits
13	Breakfast and Other Cereals	205	Prepared breakfast cereals
		206	Other cereals
14-19	MEAT AND FISH		
14	Beef and Veal	207	Fresh and frozen beef and veal
15	Mutton and Lamb	208	Fresh and frozen mutton and lamb
16	Poultry and Game	209	Fresh and frozen poultry and game
17	Pork	210	Fresh and frozen pork
18	Other Meat and Meat Unspecified	211	Fresh and frozen offal
		212	Bacon
		265	Sausages (not continental)
		266	Ham
		267	Canned meat (excl. bacon and ham)
		213	Other processed meat
		214	Meat unspecified
19	Fish and Other Seafoods	215	Fresh fish and other seafoods
		216	Frozen, canned, bottled and processed seafoods
20-26	DAIRY PRODUCTS, OILS AND FATS		
20	Eggs	217	Eggs
21	Fresh Milk and Cream	218	Fresh milk and cream
22	Cheese	219	Cheese

(1) Items 1-5 relate only to the selected dwelling; item 6 relates to other dwellings.

(2) Rent payments are net of amounts received from sub-letting, and include an imputed rental value where the housing is provided free by an employer.

(3) Both principal and interest components of a mortgage repayment are included.

(4) House insurance includes insurance of contents and belongings where these items cannot be separated from house insurance.

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<i>Level of detail in published tables (broad and medium level expenditure)</i>		<i>Components separately identified (fine level expenditure)</i>	
FOOD — continued			
23	Butter	220	Butter
24	Other Dairy Products	221	Other dairy products
25	Margarine	222	Margarine
26	Oils and Fats n.e.c.	223	Oils and fats n.e.c.
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES			
27	Fresh Fruit	224	Fresh citrus fruit
		225	Fresh stone fruit
		226	Apples and pears
		227	Other fresh fruit
		268	Fresh fruit unspecified
28	Canned, Frozen and Bottled Fruit	228	Canned, frozen and bottled fruit
29	Dried Fruit and Nuts	229	Dried fruit
		230	Nuts
30	Fruit Juice	231	Fruit juice
31	Potatoes	232	Potatoes
32	Other Fresh Vegetables	233	Onions
		269	Tomatoes
		270	Fresh green vegetables
		234	Other fresh vegetables
		271	Fresh vegetables unspecified
33	Frozen Vegetables	235	Frozen vegetables
34	Other Processed Vegetables	236	Canned and bottled vegetables
		237	Other processed vegetables (incl. dried)
		238	Vegetable juice
MISCELLANEOUS FOOD			
35	Sugar	239	Sugar
36	Syrups, Honey, Jams, Jellies, etc.	240	Marmalades, jams and preserves
		272	Honey
		273	Syrups, spreads, etc.
		241	Cake mixes, jellies, desserts
37	Confectionery	242	Savoury confectionery
		243	Other confectionery
38	Ice Confectionery	244	Ice confectionery
39	Tea	245	Tea
40	Coffee	246	Coffee
41	Other Proprietary Food Drinks	247	Other proprietary food drinks (excl. soup)
42	Other Food and Food Undefined	250	Food additives, spices
		251	Canned and packeted soup
		252	Baked beans and canned spaghetti
		253	Canned and bottled baby foods
		254	Prepared meals (canned, frozen, dried, etc.)
		255	Other foods n.e.c.
		256	Food undefined
43	Soft Drinks and Aerated Waters	257	Soft drinks and aerated waters
MEALS OUT AND TAKE-AWAY FOOD (5)			
		248	Meals in restaurants, hotels, clubs etc.
		249	Snacks, take-away foods (not frozen)
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO			
45	Beer	258	Cider, stout, etc.
		274	Draught beer
		275	Packaged beer
46	Wine	259	Wine
47	Spirits	260	Spirits
48	Drinks Undefined and Ice	261	Drinks undefined
		262	Ice
49	Tobacco	263	Cigarettes
		264	Other tobacco items

(5) Includes the alcoholic drinks component of meals out where this was not separately identified. Expenditure on alcohol where separately identified was included in items 45-48.

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*Level of detail in published tables
(broad and medium level expenditure)*

*Components separately identified
(fine level expenditure)*

50-55	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	
50	Men's Clothing	301 Suits 302 Coats 303 Trousers (excl. jeans) 304 Cardigans, jumpers, etc. 305 Other outer clothing 306 Shirts 307 Underwear 308 Nightwear
51	Women's Clothing	309 Dresses, suits, skirts, trousers (excl. jeans) 310 Coats 311 Cardigans, jumpers, etc. 312 Other outer clothing 313 Underwear 314 Nightwear
52	Childrens' and Infants' Clothing	315 Stockings, pantyhose, etc. 316 Boys' suits 317 Boys' coats 318 Boys' trousers (excl. jeans) 319 Boys' cardigans, jumpers, etc. 320 Other outer clothing (boys') 321 Boys' shirts 322 Boys' underwear 323 Boys' nightwear 324 Girls' dresses, suits, skirts, trousers (excl. jeans) 325 Girls' coats 326 Girls' cardigans, jumpers, etc. 327 Other outer clothing (girls') 328 Girls' underwear 329 Girls' nightwear 330 Infants' clothing
53	Miscellaneous Clothing and Clothing Materials	342 Jeans 343 Socks 331 Other miscellaneous clothing 332 Clothing undefined 333 Clothing materials
54	Dry Cleaning and Clothing Services	334 Haberdashery 335 Dry cleaning 336 Other clothing services (incl. repairs)
55	Footwear	337 Men's footwear 338 Women's footwear 339 Children's footwear (incl. infants) 340 Footwear undefined 341 Repairs to footwear

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<i>Level of detail in published tables (broad and medium level expenditure)</i>		<i>Components separately identified (fine level expenditure)</i>	
56-63	HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION		
56	Furniture	401	Kitchen furniture
		402	Bedroom furniture
		403	Lounge/dining room furniture
		404	Other furniture and furniture undefined
		405	Repair and maintenance of furniture
		406	Carpets
		407	Linoleum, plastic floor coverings
		408	Other floor coverings
		409	Repairs and maintenance of floor coverings
57	Textiles, Other Household Furnishings	410	Bedding
		411	Towelling
		412	Table and kitchen linen
		413	Curtains
		414	Other household textiles
		415	Awnings, blinds
		416	Other furnishings and ornaments
		417	Repairs to household textiles and furnishings
58	Household Appliances	418	Cooking stoves
		419	Refrigerators
		420	Washing machines
		421	Other household appliances — electrical
		422	Other household appliances — non-electrical
		423	Repairs to household appliances
		446	Repair insurance for household appliances
59	Kitchen, Tableware and Other Utensils	424	Tableware
		425	Glassware
		426	Cutlery
		427	Cooking utensils
		428	Other kitchenware and tableware
		429	Cleaning utensils
		447	Nails, screws and other fasteners
		430	Other minor household durables
		431	Repairs to kitchenware, tableware and utensils
60	Tools	432	Gardening tools
		433	Other tools
		434	Repairs to tools
61	Household Non-Durables	435	Household soaps, detergents
		436	Laundry non-durables
		437	Polishes, oils
		438	Household paper products
		439	Gardening non-durables
		440	Other household non-durables
		441	Non-food groceries unspecified
62	Household and Domestic Services	442	Household services
		443	Domestic services (excl. child minding)
		444	Child minding and other nursery fees
63	Insurance of Contents of Dwelling (6)	445	Insurance of contents of dwelling

(6) Insurance of contents of dwelling where included with the insurance of house, is included in item 4.

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<i>Level of detail in published tables (broad and medium level expenditure)</i>		<i>Components separately identified (fine level expenditure)</i>	
64-67	MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH EXPENSES (7)		
64	Accident and Health Insurance	517	Hospital, medical, dental insurance
		518	Ambulance fund
		519	Sickness and personal accident insurance
65	Doctors' Fees (7)	509	General practitioners' fees
		510	Specialists' fees
66	Medicines, Pharmaceutical Products, etc.	501	Prescriptions
		502	Headache powders and tablets
		503	Other proprietary medicines
		504	Ointments, lotions
		505	Surgical dressings
		506	Other pharmaceutical goods
		507	Other therapeutic appliances
		508	Repairs to therapeutic appliances
67	Other Health Charges	511	Hospital charges
		512	Ambulance charges
		513	Dental charges
		514	Optician's fees (incl. spectacles)
		515	Home nursing
		516	Other medical and health practitioners
		520	Health charges
68-75	TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION		
68	Purchase of Car (Net) (8)	601	Purchase of car (incl. utilities, vans, etc.)
		602	Sale or insurance claims on car (incl. utilities, vans, etc.)
69	Purchase of Other Vehicle (Net) (8)	603	Purchase of motor cycle
		604	Sale or insurance claims on motor cycle
		605	Purchase of caravan
		606	Sale or insurance claims on caravan
		607	Purchase of trailer
		608	Sale or insurance claims on trailer
		609	Purchase of pedal bicycle
70	Petrol, Oils and Lubricants	610	Petrol and other motor vehicle fuels
		628	Oils and lubricants
71	Vehicle Registration and Insurance	611	Registration of motor car, utility, etc.
		612	Insurance of motor car, utility, etc.
		613	Registration of other vehicle (incl. motor cycle)
		614	Insurance of other vehicle (incl. motor cycle)
72	Other Running Expenses of Vehicles	615	Drivers licence
		616	Tyres and tubes
		617	Other spare vehicle parts and accessories
		629	Crash repairs
		618	Other vehicle servicing
		619	Other vehicle charges (excl. holiday)
73	Fare and Freight Charges	620	Rail fares (excl. holiday fares)
		621	Bus, tram fares (excl. holiday fares)
		622	Taxi fares (excl. holiday fares)
		623	Water transport fares (excl. holiday fares)
		624	Air fares (excl. holiday fares)
		625	Freight
74	Postal Charges	626	Postal charges
75	Telephone and Telegram Charges	627	Telephone and telegram charges

(7) Net of refunds or expected refunds.

(8) Net of sales and net of insurance claims on vehicles "written off".

APPENDIX 2 — *continued*

<i>Level of detail in published tables (broad and medium level expenditure)</i>		<i>Components separately identified (fine level expenditure)</i>	
76-81	RECREATION AND EDUCATION		
76	Television and Sound Equipment	701	Television
		707	Hire of television
		702	Radio
		703	Record, tape and cassette players
		704	Combination units
		705	Other electronic accessories
		706	Repairs to T.V., radio, record player, etc.
		740	Repair insurance for audio-visual appliances
77	Other Recreational Equipment	709	Photographic equipment
		710	Photographic film (incl. developing)
		711	Optical goods (excl. spectacles and optical sunglasses)
		712	Repairs (optical and photographic)
		713	Musical instruments
		714	Records, cassettes
		715	Hobbies
		716	Purchase of boat
		717	Sale or insurance claim on boat (9)
		718	Other sports and other recreational equipment
		719	Toys and games
		720	Repairs (sports and recreation equipment)
78	Animals and Animal Expenses	721	Animal purchases
		741	Animal food
		742	Other animal expenses
79	Entertainment and Recreational Services	722	Cinema admission charges
		723	Live theatre admission charges
		738	Cultural and other non-sporting lessons
		739	Day trips and excursions
		724	Other entertainment and recreation (non-sport)
		725	Club and association subscriptions (excl. sports clubs)
		726	Sporting club subscriptions
		727	Spectator admission fees to sport
		728	Other sports services
		729	Registration and insurance of boats
80	Books, Newspapers and Magazines	730	Books and other printed matter (excl. newspapers and magazines)
		731	Newspapers
		743	Magazines and comics
81	Education Fees (10)	732	Primary school fees (government)
		733	Primary school fees (independent)
		734	Secondary school fees (government)
		735	Secondary school fees (independent)
		736	Fees for tertiary education
		737	Fees paid to other educational institutions

(9) Only insurance claims where the boat is "written off".

(10) Net of any refunds or expected refunds.

APPENDIX 2 — *continued*

<i>Level of detail in published tables (broad and medium level expenditure)</i>		<i>Components separately identified (fine level expenditure)</i>	
82-86	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES		
82	Hair Dressing and Beauty Services	801	Hair services (men's and boys')
		802	Hair services (women's and girls')
		803	Other beauty and health services
5	Toiletries and Cosmetics	804	Toiletries and other personal products
		805	Cosmetics, skin care goods, beauty aids, etc.
84	Other Miscellaneous Goods	806	Jewellery, watches, clocks, etc.
		807	Travel goods, handbags, umbrellas, etc.
		808	Pens
		809	Paper stationery and writing etc.
		829	Other stationery equipment
		810	Baby carriages, bassinets, etc.
		811	Other miscellaneous goods
		830	Goods undefined
		812	Repairs to miscellaneous goods
85	Holidays (11)	813	Holiday fares — Australia
		814	Holiday petrol — Australia
		815	Holiday accommodation — Australia
		816	Holiday package tour — Australia
		817	Holiday fares — overseas
		818	Holiday accommodation — overseas
		819	Holiday package tour — overseas
86	Miscellaneous Services	820	Stamp duty shown separately (12)
		821	Customs duty paid directly
		822	Other financial services
		823	Cash gift, money allowance, charity, pocket money
		824	Union dues, professional association subscription
		825	Fines, legal fees, etc.
		826	Personal belongings insurance
		827	Short-term accommodation (less than 4 nights)
		828	Other miscellaneous services
87-90	SELECTED OTHER PAYMENTS		
87	INCOME TAX	903	Income tax
88-90	OTHER		
88	Gambling (Net of Winnings)	901	Gambling payments
		902	Gambling winnings
89	Superannuation and Life Insurance	905	Superannuation and annuities
		906	Life insurance
90	Capital Housing Costs (Net) (13)	907	Outright purchase of land
		908	Deposit on land
		909	Mortgage payments on land (14)
		910	Sale of land
		911	Outright purchase of dwelling
		912	Deposit on dwelling
		913	Outright purchase of dwelling and land combined
		914	Sale or insurance claim on dwelling
		915	Deposit on dwelling and land combined
		916	Sale of dwelling and land combined
		917	Alterations and additions
		918	Other capital housing costs

(11) A holiday is defined as a period of four or more nights away from home, excluding business trips.

(12) Stamp duty is usually included with the item to which it relates e.g. Insurance premium.

(13) Net of sales and insurance claims for dwellings "written-off".

(14) Only payments for land on which the selected dwelling is situated.

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